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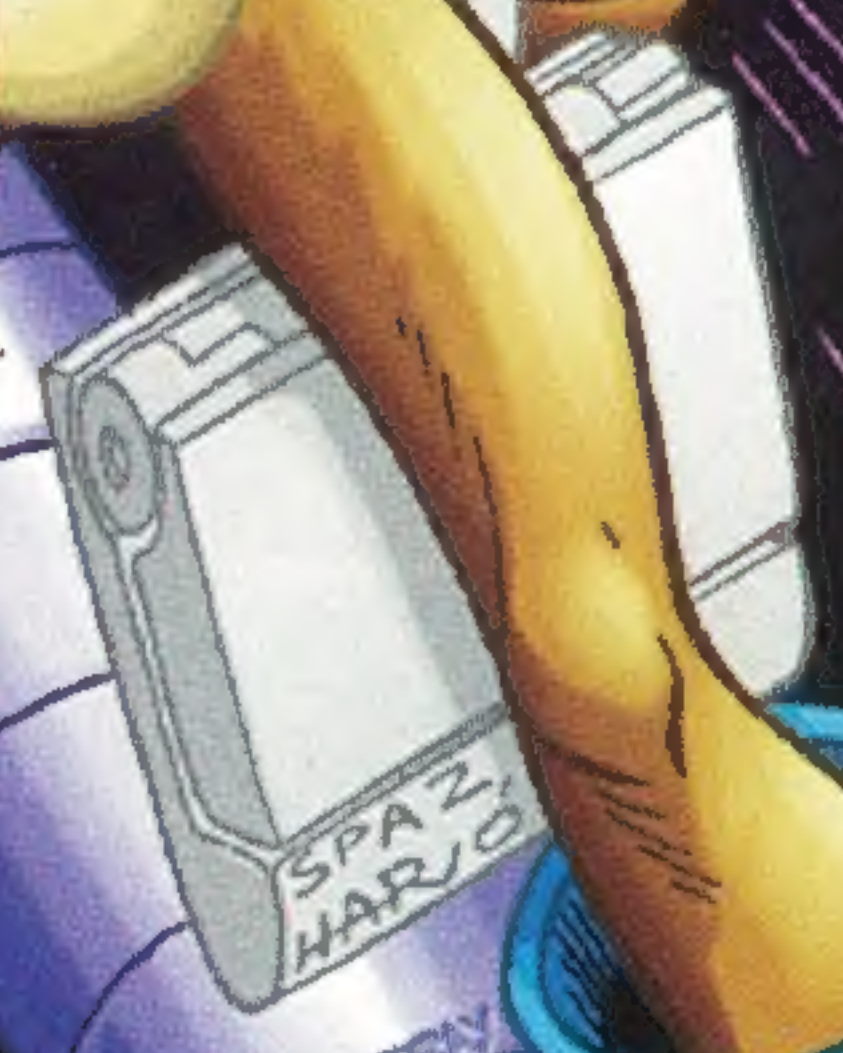



THE HEDGEHOG

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you!!





THE TRUTH IS AT LAST
REVEALED! IT WAS NOT THE
LATE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
WHO HAS SECRETLY PLAGUED
YOU THESE PAST MONTHS, SONIC--

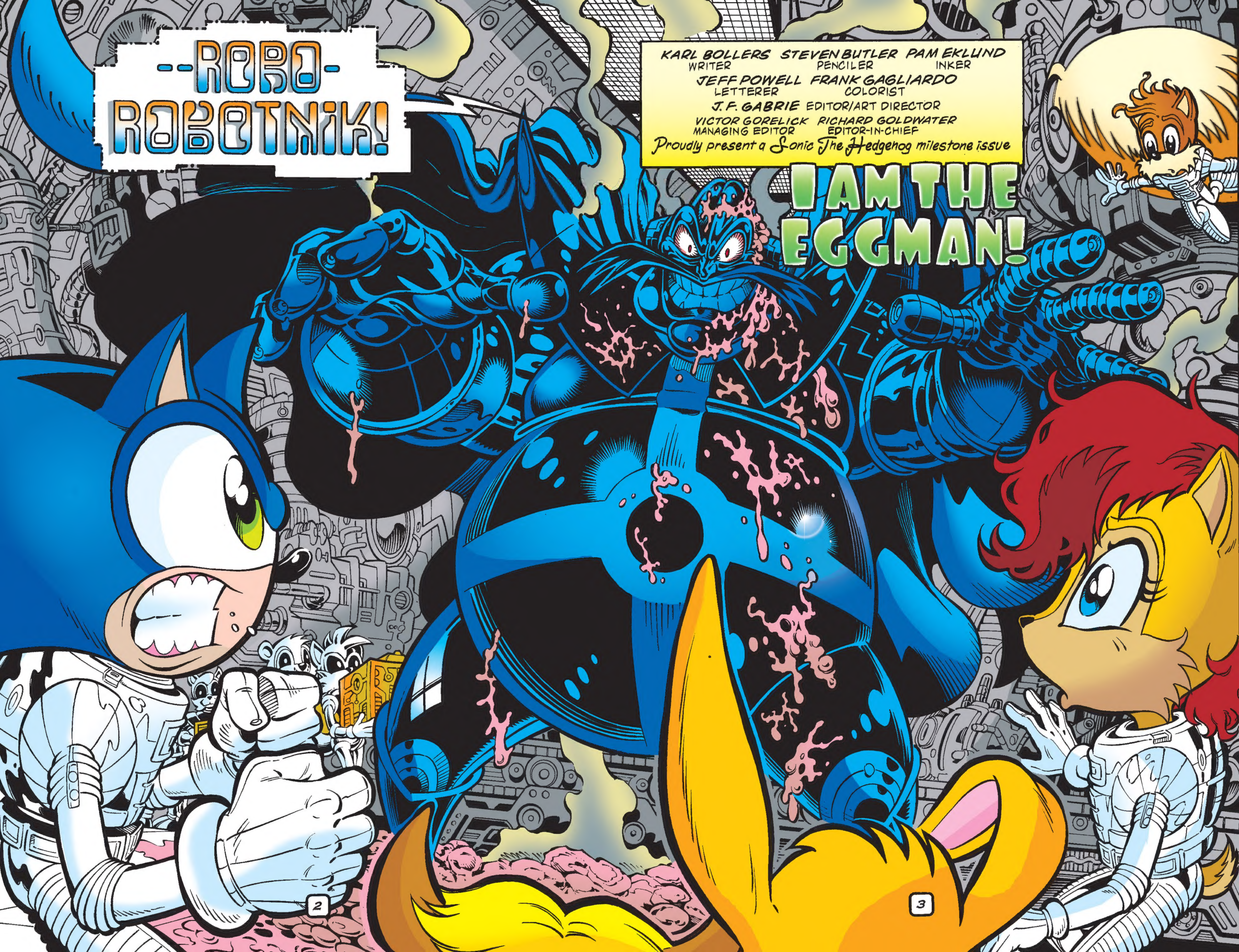
NO,
IT WAS
I--

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I AM THE
EGGMAN!



THOUGH "ROBOTNIK-MACH 2" HAS A NICE RING TO IT, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE'RE TRAPPED!

IT'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY FIELD, TAILS!

I CALL IT THE "EGG-CELL" AND I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE THAT IT WILL PROVIDE EGG-CELLENT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY!

MUH DADDY USED TO HAVE A SAYIN'--"SOONER OR LATHH, EVERY EGG GETS HATCHED!" OR IN THIS CASE...

...CRACKED!

YEEAAARGH!

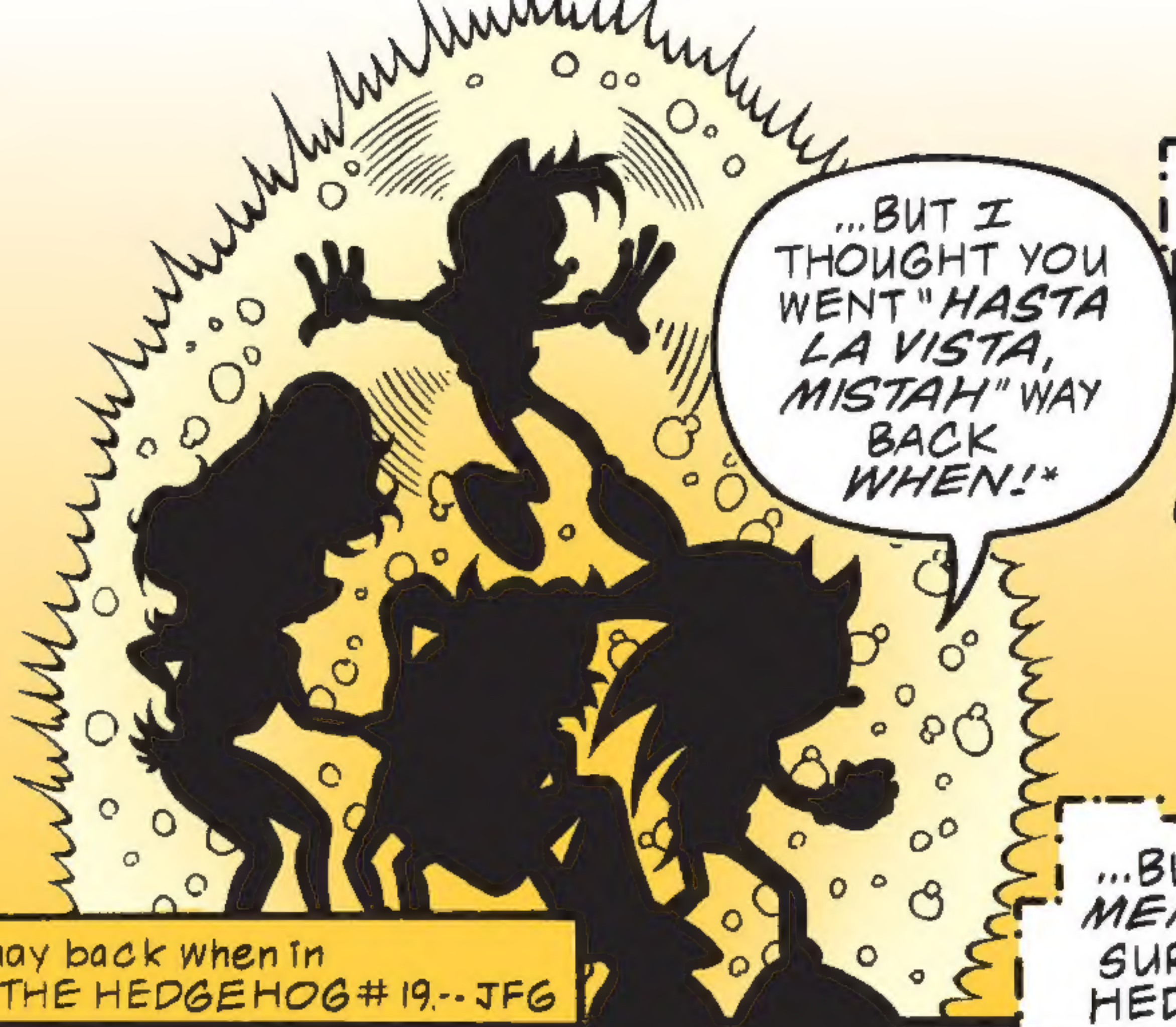
BUNNIE...? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, MACHERE?!

Ahh... SUCH HEARTFELT DEVOTION FROM THE COWARDLY COYOTE. DON'T FRET-- SHE'LL LIVE TO ANNOY YOU ALL WITH HER ACCENT ONCE AGAIN.

HER ROBOTICIZED ARM ACTED AS A CONDUCTOR WHEN SHE STRUCK THE CELL'S ELECTRICAL FIELD! SHE'S OUT COLD FOR NOW, BUT SHE'S LEARNED HER LESSON!

WHAT'S YOUR GAME, ROBO-ROBOTNIK? YOU'RE A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF ROBOTNIK FROM ANOTHER ZONE*..

*Alternate reality.-- JFG



...BUT I THOUGHT YOU WENT "HASTA LA VISTA, MISTAH" WAY BACK WHEN!*

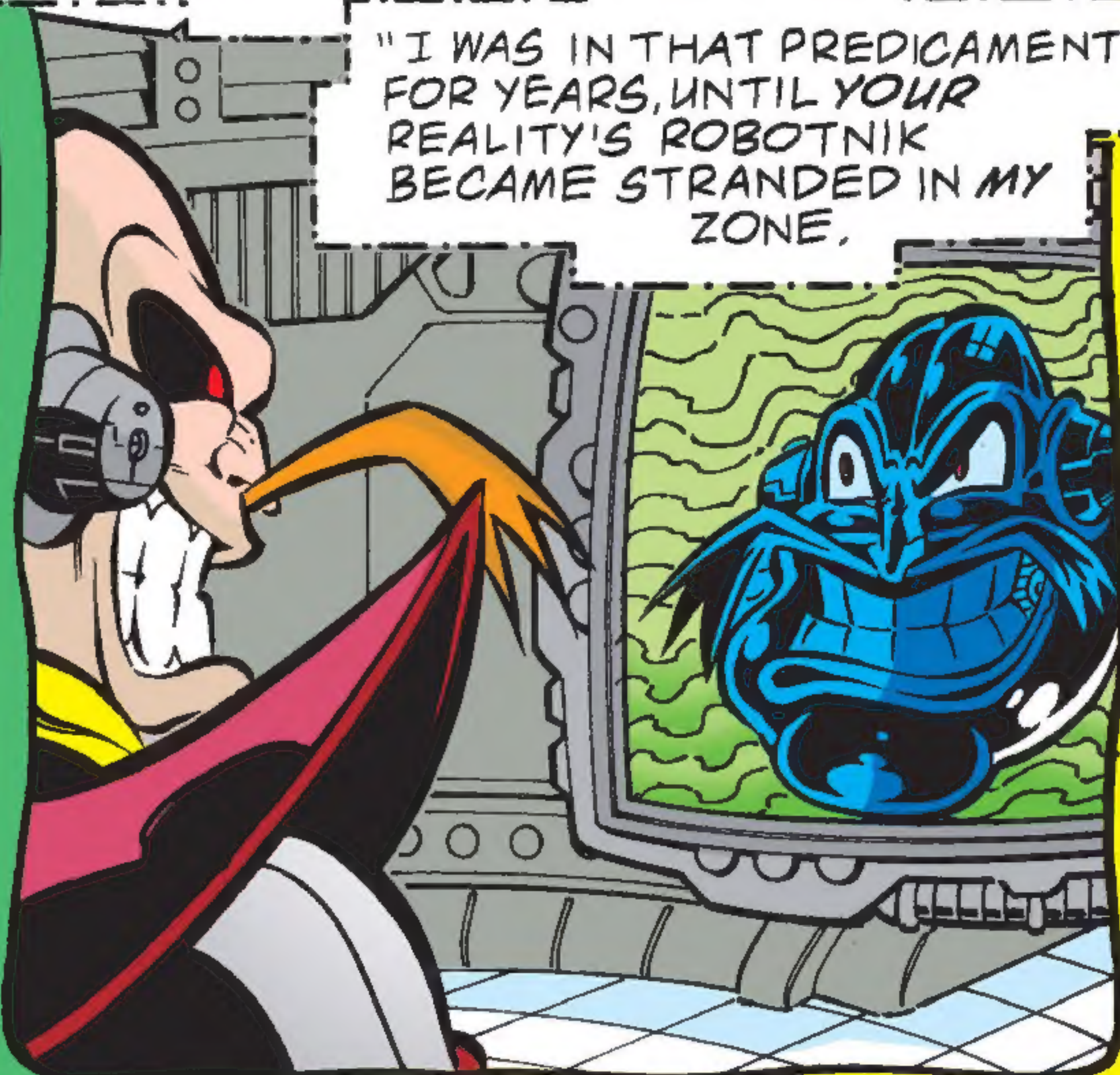
MY METALLIC SHELL MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED DURING THAT BATTLE...

...BUT MY MEMORY SURVIVED, HEDGEHOG!

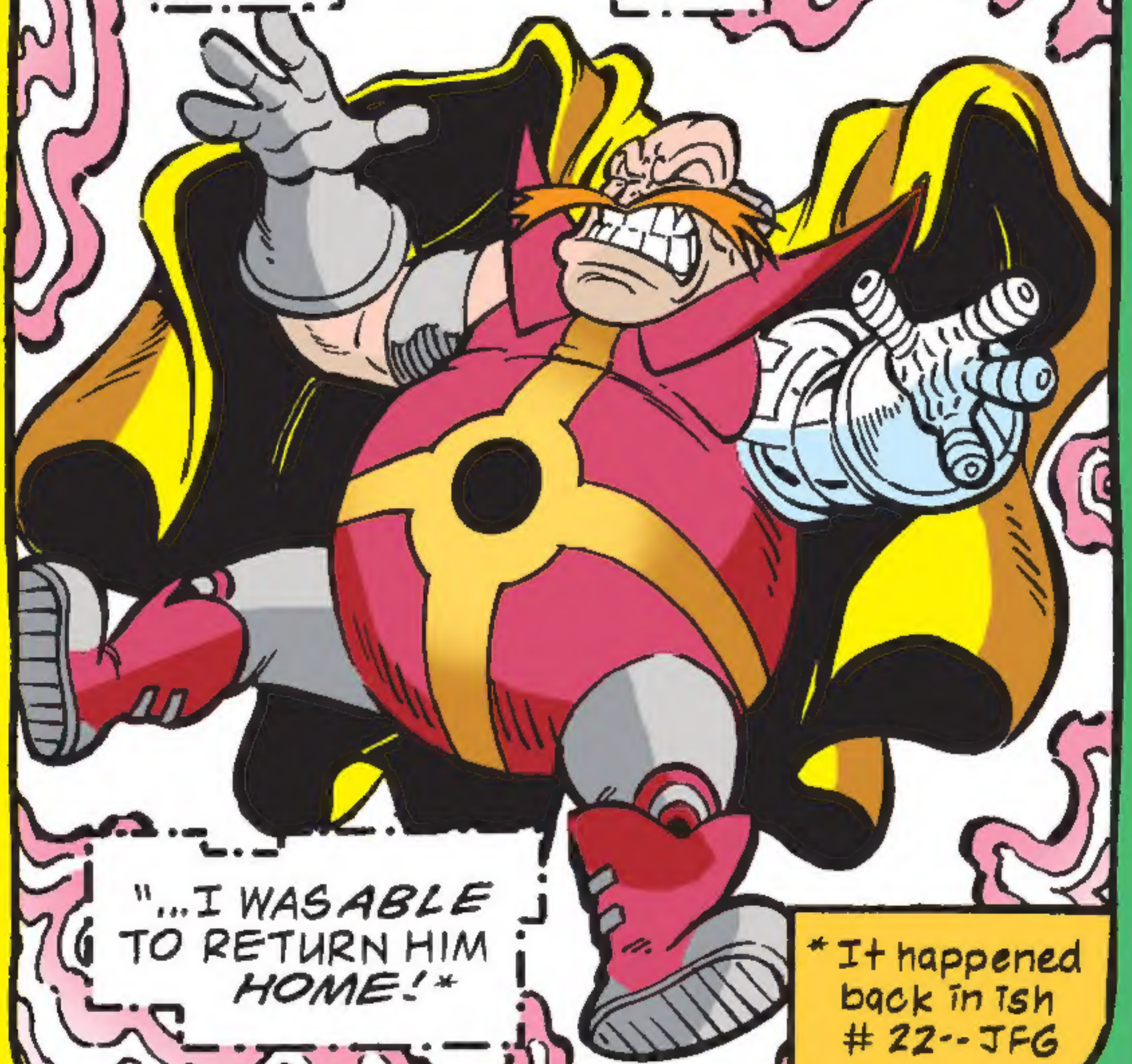
* Waaaaay back when in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 19--JFG

"AFTER I RETURNED TO MY OWN FUTURE, MY CYBERNETIC CONSCIOUSNESS REMAINED TRAPPED ABOARD AN ORBITAL SPACE STATION, FACING INEVITABLE SHUT-DOWN.

"I WAS IN THAT PREDICAMENT FOR YEARS, UNTIL YOUR REALITY'S ROBOTNIK BECAME STRANDED IN MY ZONE.



"WITH THE TECHNOLOGY AT MY DISPOSAL..."



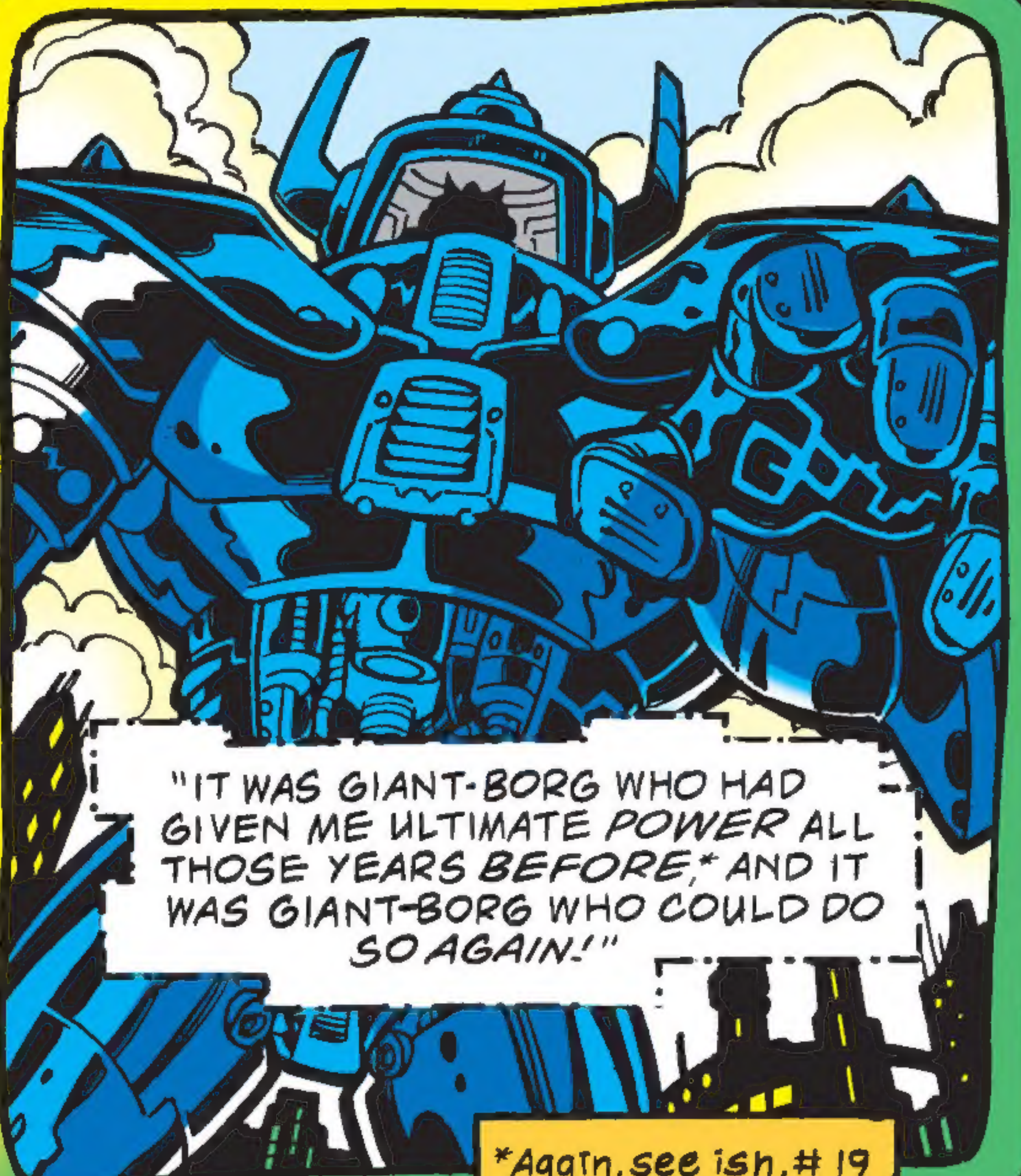
"...I WAS ABLE TO RETURN HIM HOME!*"

* It happened back in ish # 22--JFG

"WHAT HE DID NOT SUSPECT WAS THAT AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT..."



"...I TAPPED HIS MEMORY TO LEARN THE FATE OF THE GIANT-BORG BATTLE-SUIT!"



"IT WAS GIANT-BORG WHO HAD GIVEN ME ULTIMATE POWER ALL THOSE YEARS BEFORE,* AND IT WAS GIANT-BORG WHO COULD DO SO AGAIN!"

*Again, see ish, # 19

"ROBOTNIK'S THOUGHTS REVEALED THAT ALL OF THE BATTLE-SUIT'S COMPONENT PARTS HAD BEEN DISPERSED ACROSS VARIOUS ZONES.

"AFTER LOCATING THE PIECE THAT HAD LAIN DORMANT IN THE FUTURE REALITY WHERE I WAS TRAPPED, I REBUILT A SUITABLE BODY FOR MYSELF.

"LIKE 'BOMB,' ARENEGADE CREATION OF MINE, I WAS NOW ABLE TO RETURN FROM OBLIVION BY USING THE POWER OF TECHNOLOGY.

"WITH THAT GOAL ACHIEVED, I IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT DEVASTATING THE FACE OF THAT FUTURE MOBOTROPOLIS... INCLUDING ITS ROYAL FAMILY!"

"MY VICTORY WAS COMPLETE UNTIL I LEARNED THAT YOUR REALITY'S VERSION OF ROBOTNIK HAD BEEN ULTIMATELY ANNIHILATED!"

*SONIC # 50 (also SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 6).--JFG

"I HAD ERADICATED MY SONIC, WHILE YOU HAD RIDDEN YOURSELF OF YOUR ROBOTNIK! THUS I TRAVELED THROUGH TIME AND SPACE...

...TO FILL THE VOID LEFT IN BOTH OF OUR LIVES!

YOU'RE EVEN NUTTIER THAN THE OLD ROBOTNIK, RO'BUTT'NIK, AND I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEEDED EIGHT SATELLITES OF DESTRUCTION TO GET OUR ATTENTION!

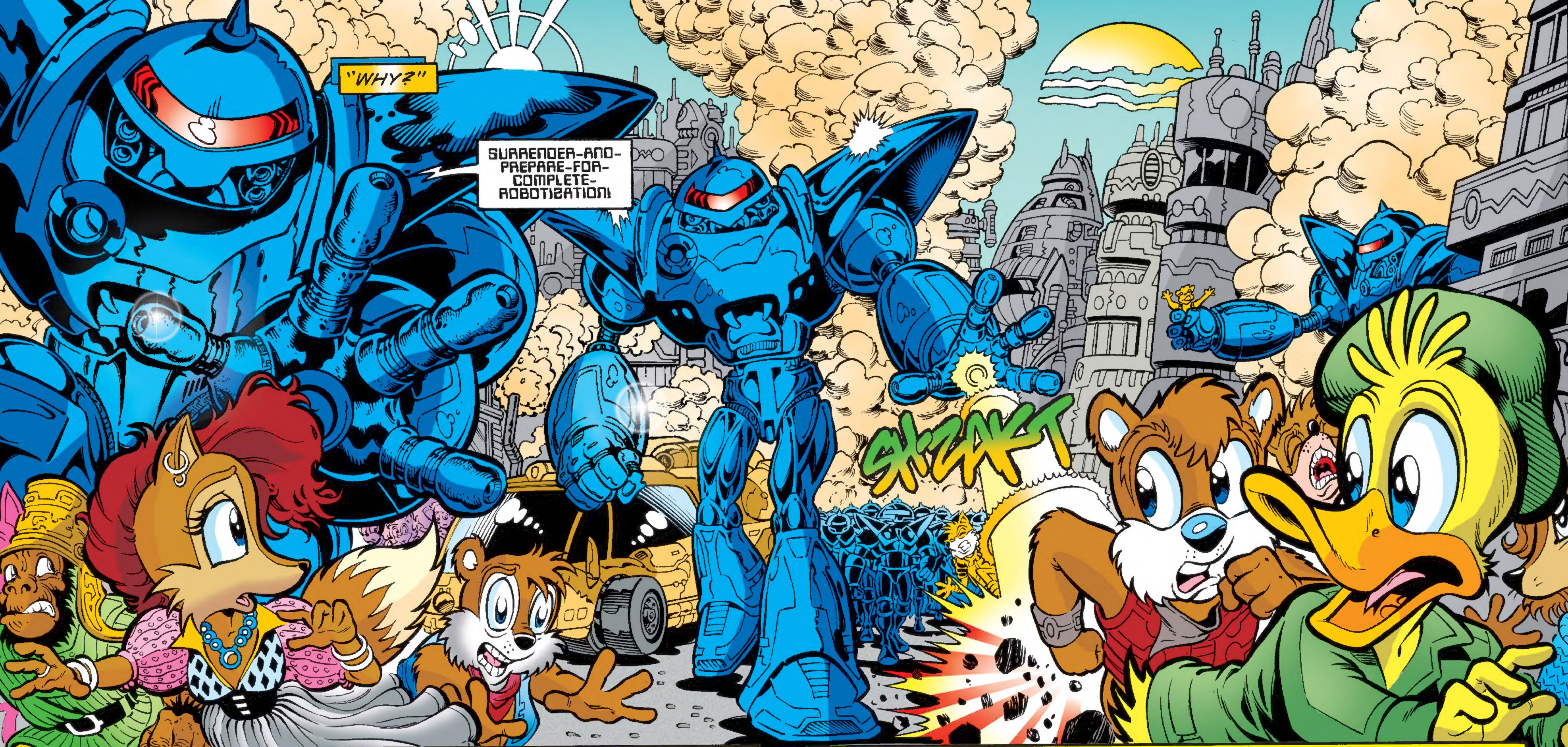
WHY NOT JUST COME OUT AND SAY, "HEY EVERYBODY... I'M HERE! I STINK!"

BLUSTER ALL YOU WISH, RODENT-- IT WON'T HELP! THE SATELLITES WERE MEANT TO TEST YOUR PROWESS AND LURE YOU AWAY FROM MOBOTROPOLIS!

LURE US AWAY FROM HOME?

UNNGH... WHAT HAPPENED?

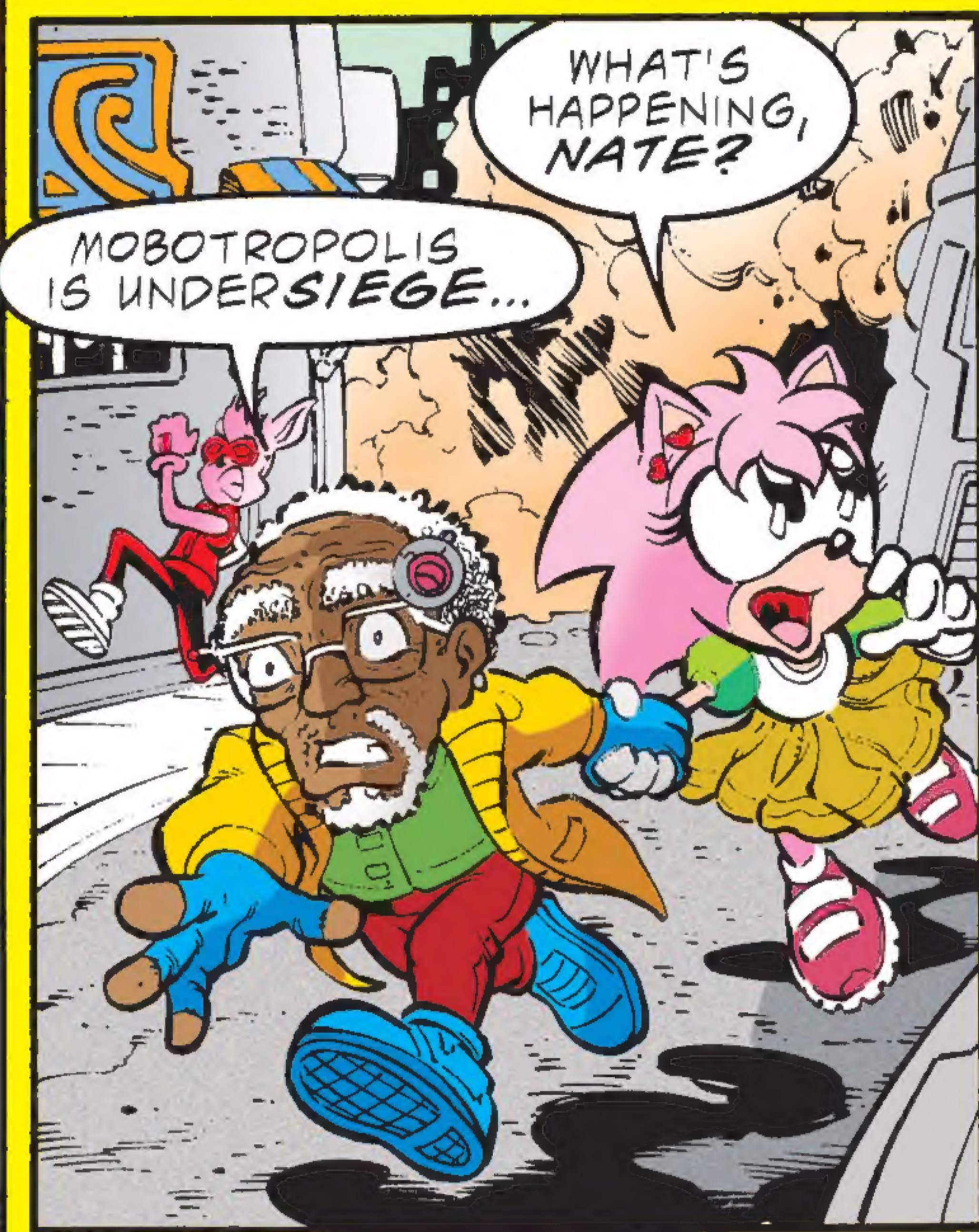
WHY DO THAT?



"WHY?"

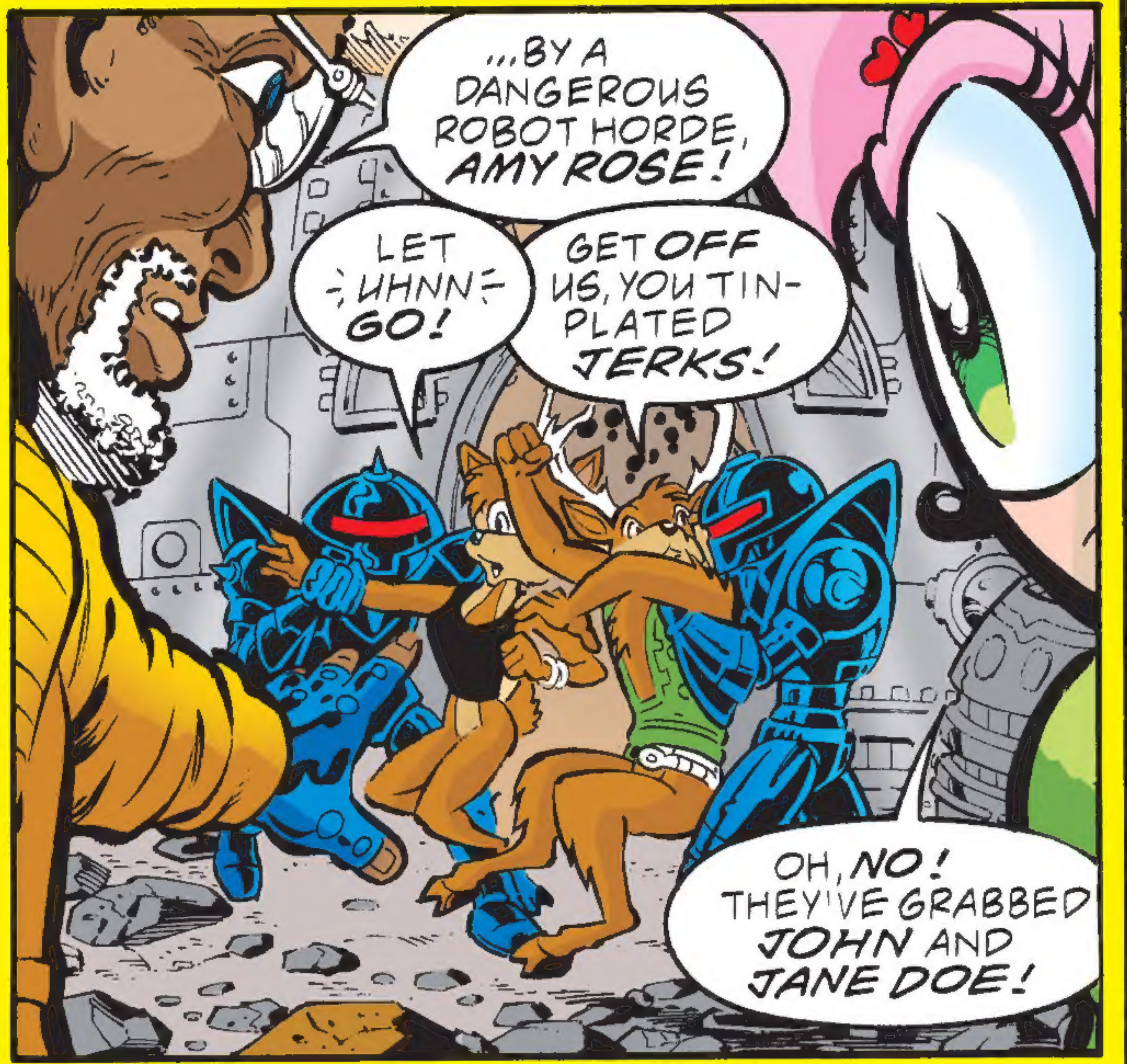
SURRENDER-AND-
PREPARE-FOR-
COMPLETE-
ROBOTIZATION!

SHAZAK!



WHAT'S
HAPPENING,
NATE?

MOBOTROPOLIS
IS UNDER SIEGE...



...BY A
DANGEROUS
ROBOT HORDE,
AMY ROSE!

LET
-UHHN-
GO!

GET OFF
US, YOU TIN-
PLATED
TERKS!

OH, NO!
THEY'VE GRABBED
JOHN AND
JANE DOE!



KLONK

BACK
OFF, YOU BIG
BULLY!



K-ZORCH!



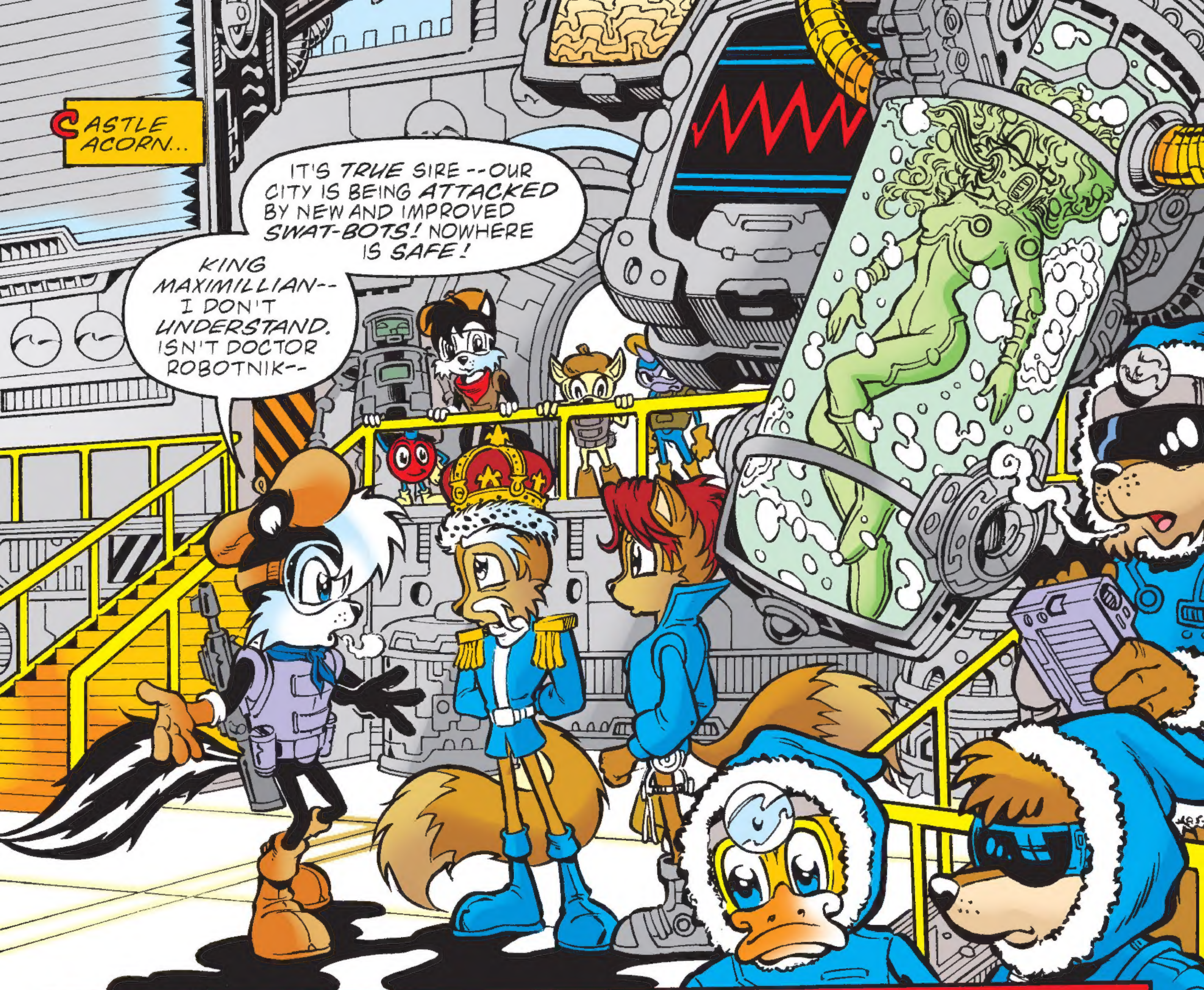
THANKS A LOT,
FRIEND! THAT DEVICE
REALLY PACKS A
WALLOP! WHAT DO
YOU CALL IT?

EYEWEAR--
NOW COME WITH
US!

CASTLE
ACORN...

IT'S TRUE SIRE -- OUR
CITY IS BEING ATTACKED
BY NEW AND IMPROVED
SWAT-BOTS! NOWHERE
IS SAFE!

KING
MAXIMILLIAN--
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
ISN'T DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK--



DEAD AND GONE,
GEOFFREY?

SO WE HAD
BELIEVED, BUT
HIS EVIL APPARENTLY
CONTINUES. I
WANT YOU AND YOUR
AGENTS TO ORGA-
NIZE A UNIT OF
GROUND
TROOPS...

...AND EVACUATE
CIVILIANS TO KNOT-
HOLE VILLAGE AT
ONCE! THERE THEY
WILL BE SAFE.

UNCLE NATE!
AMY ROSE! YOU MUST
GATHER YOUR
BELONGINGS QUICKLY!
WE HAVE TO LEAVE
THE CASTLE AT ONCE!

WE
KNOW!

BE CAREFUL MOVING
QUEEN ALICIA'S
STASIS-TUBE, MEN--
SHE'S VERY ILL AND
THAT EQUIPMENT IS
VERY DELICATE!

WE HEAR
YOU, DOCTOR
QUACK!

HAS ANYONE
SEEN PRINCESS
SALLY?



I HAVE!

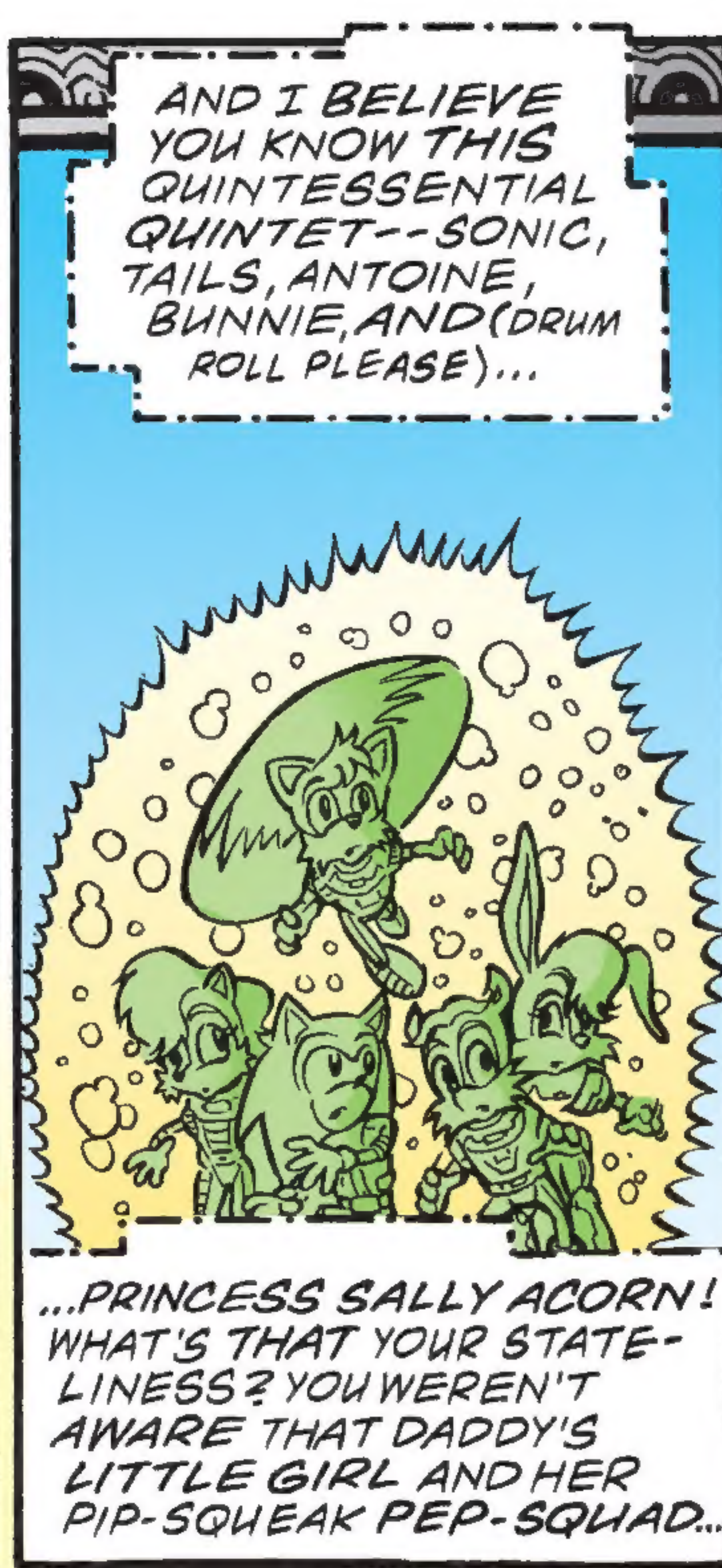
ROBOTNIK!

IT'S ROBO-ROBOTNIK, YOU CROWNED CRETIN...



...AND THOSE AREN'T SWAT-BOTS OUT THERE RECLAIMING MY CITY!

THEY'RE CALLED SHADOW-BOTS--MORE EFFICIENT THAN THEIR PREDECESSORS IN EVERY WAY!

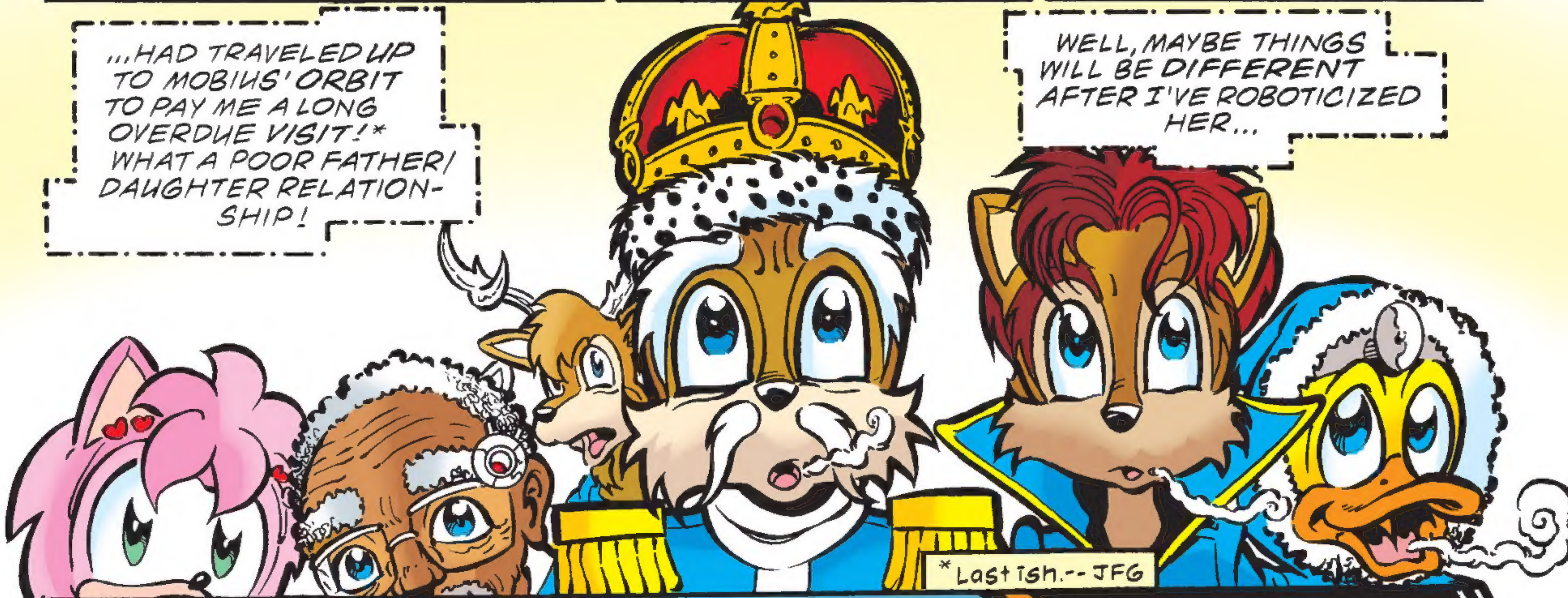


AND I BELIEVE YOU KNOW THIS QUINTESSENTIAL QUINTET--SONIC, TAILS, ANTOINE, BUNNIE, AND (DRUM ROLL PLEASE)...

...PRINCESS SALLY ACORN! WHAT'S THAT YOUR STATE-LINESS? YOU WEREN'T AWARE THAT DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL AND HER PIP-SQUEAK PEP-SQUAD...

...HAD TRAVELED UP TO MOBIUS' ORBIT TO PAY ME A LONG OVERDUE VISIT! * WHAT A POOR FATHER/ DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP!

WELL, MAYBE THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT AFTER I'VE ROBOTICIZED HER...



* Last ish.--JFG

ROBOTNIK... JULIAN... PLEASE SPARE THE CHILDREN.

IN THEIR STEAD I OFFER...

...MYSELF.

Hmmm... ALLOW ME A MOMENT TO CONSIDER YOUR PROPOSAL. ROBOTICIZE THE MEDDLE-SOME BRATS...

...OR YOU?



SK-THOOM

SORRY, SPORT--NO DICE! WHY SETTLE WHEN I CAN HAVE IT ALL? GET THEM, MY SHADOW-BOTS!

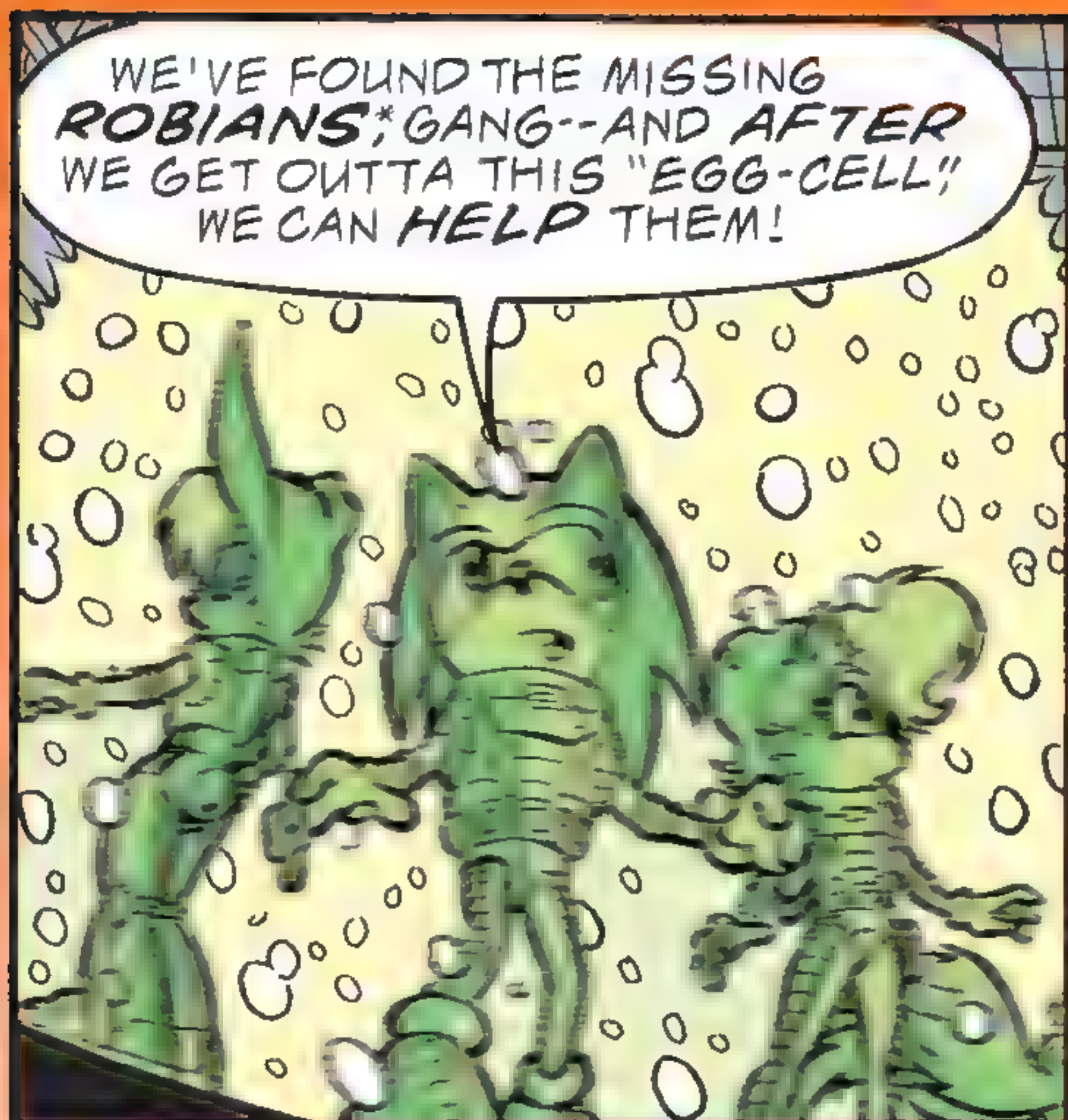
AMY ROSE PRINCE ELIAS!
UNCLE NATE! STAY
BEHIND
ME!

MOTHER HAS
BEEN SAFELY
REMOVED FROM
THE MED-LAB, BUT
THE CRYOGEN-
COILS FROM HER
STASIS-TUBE
ARE STILL
HOOKED UP!

MAYBE THESE
"SHADOW-BOTS"
COULD DO WITH A
BIT OF...

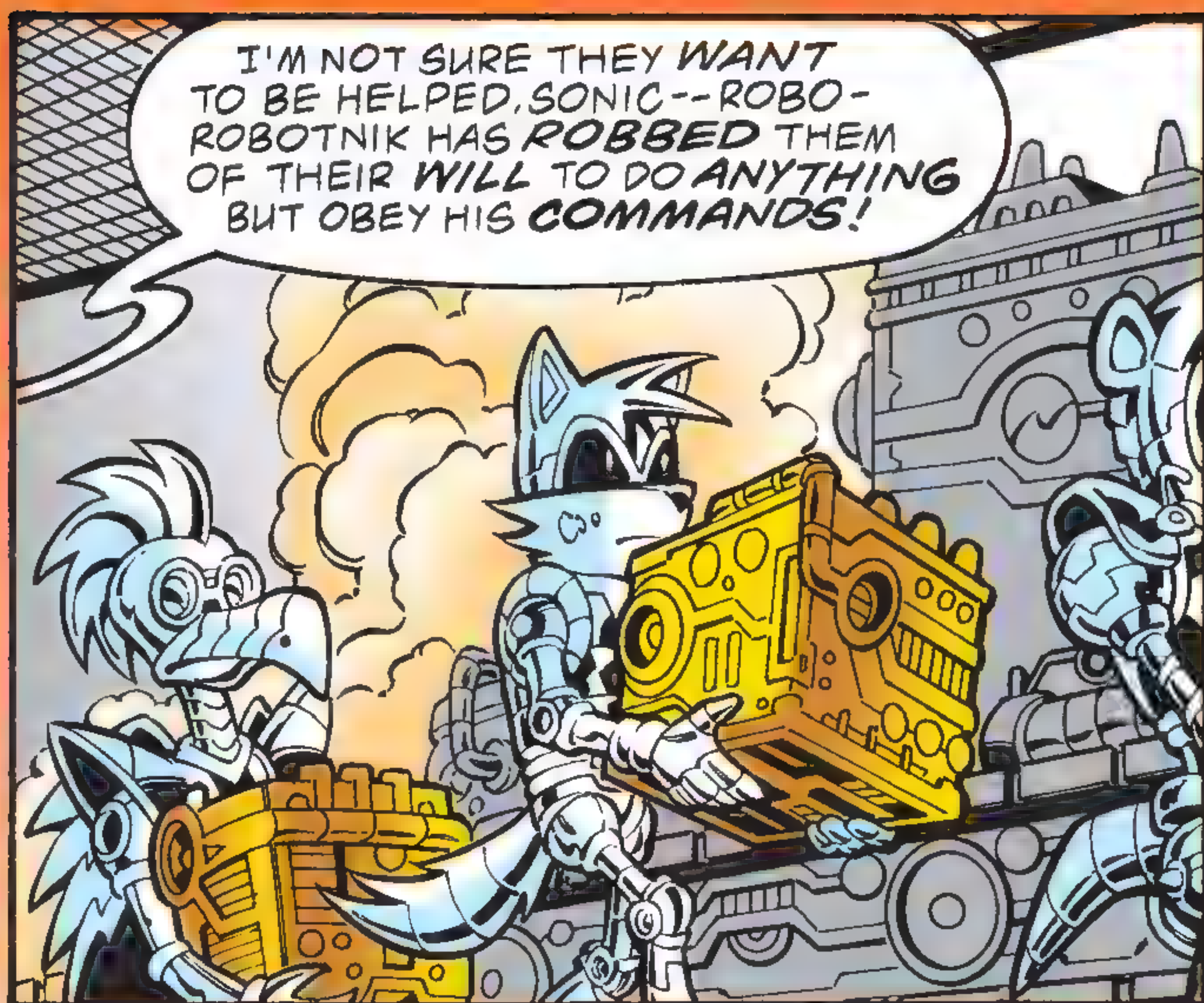
"...COLD
STORAGE!"

ALL RIGHT
EVERYONE...
LET'S GO!

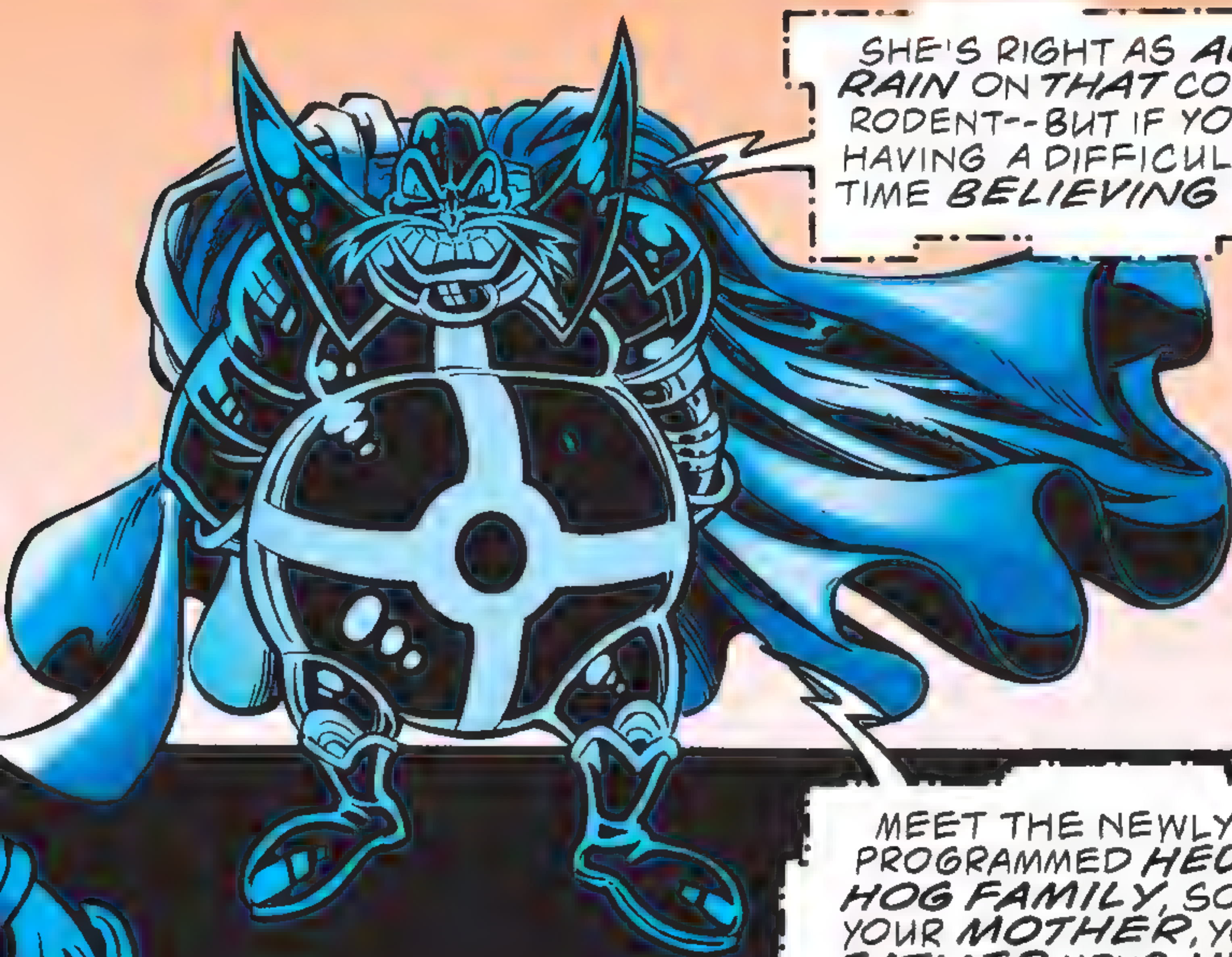


WE'VE FOUND THE MISSING **ROBIANS**, GANG--AND AFTER WE GET OUTTA THIS "EGG-CELL," WE CAN **HELP** THEM!

*The roboticized Mobians mysteriously vanished from Knothole Village in ish # 73-- JFG



I'M NOT SURE THEY WANT TO BE HELPED, SONIC--ROBO-ROBOTNIK HAS **ROBBED** THEM OF THEIR **WILL** TO DO ANYTHING BUT OBEY HIS **COMMANDS**!



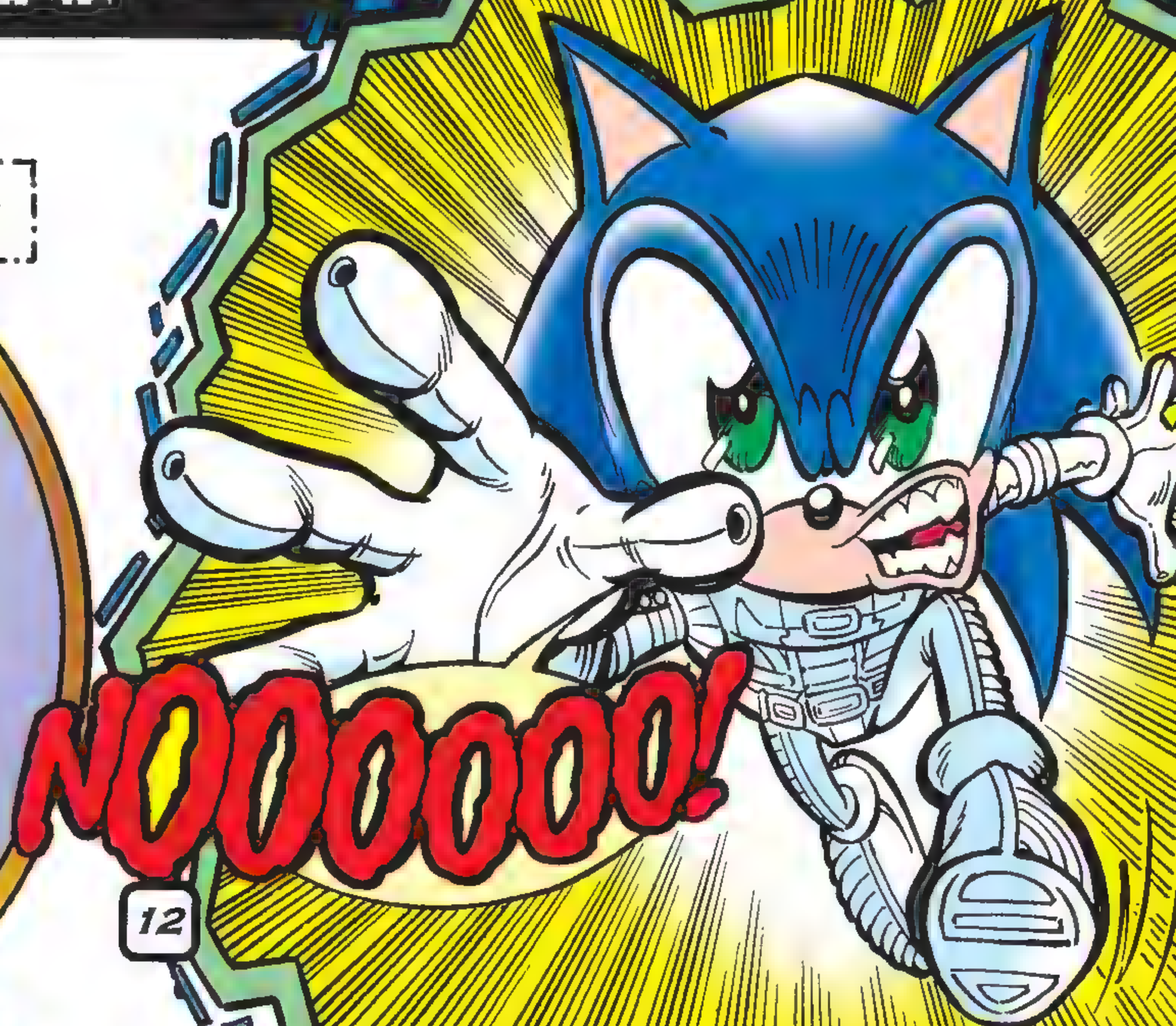
SHE'S RIGHT AS **ACID RAIN** ON THAT COUNT, RODENT--BUT IF YOU'RE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME **BELIEVING** HER...

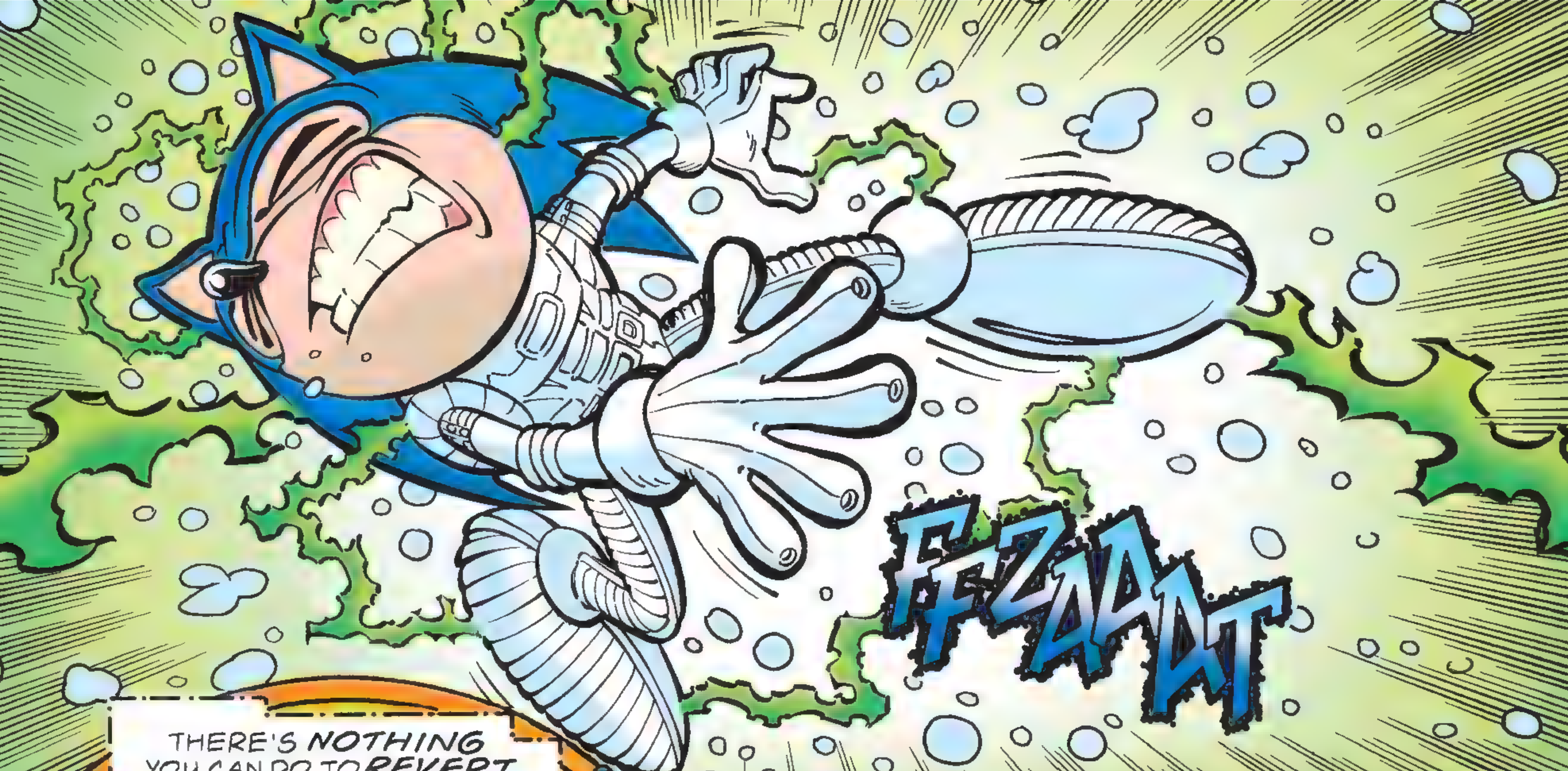
...I'VE **RETURNED** WITH A FEW FAMILIAR **FACES** JUST IN CASE YOU NEEDED TO HAVE THE **POINT** BROUGHT HOME TO YOU!



MEET THE NEWLY RE-PROGRAMMED **HEDGEHOG FAMILY**, SONIC--YOUR **MOTHER**, YOUR **FATHER**, YOUR **UNCLE** AND EVEN YOUR **PET**...

...EXIST TO **SERVE** ME AS **MINDLESS SLAVES**!





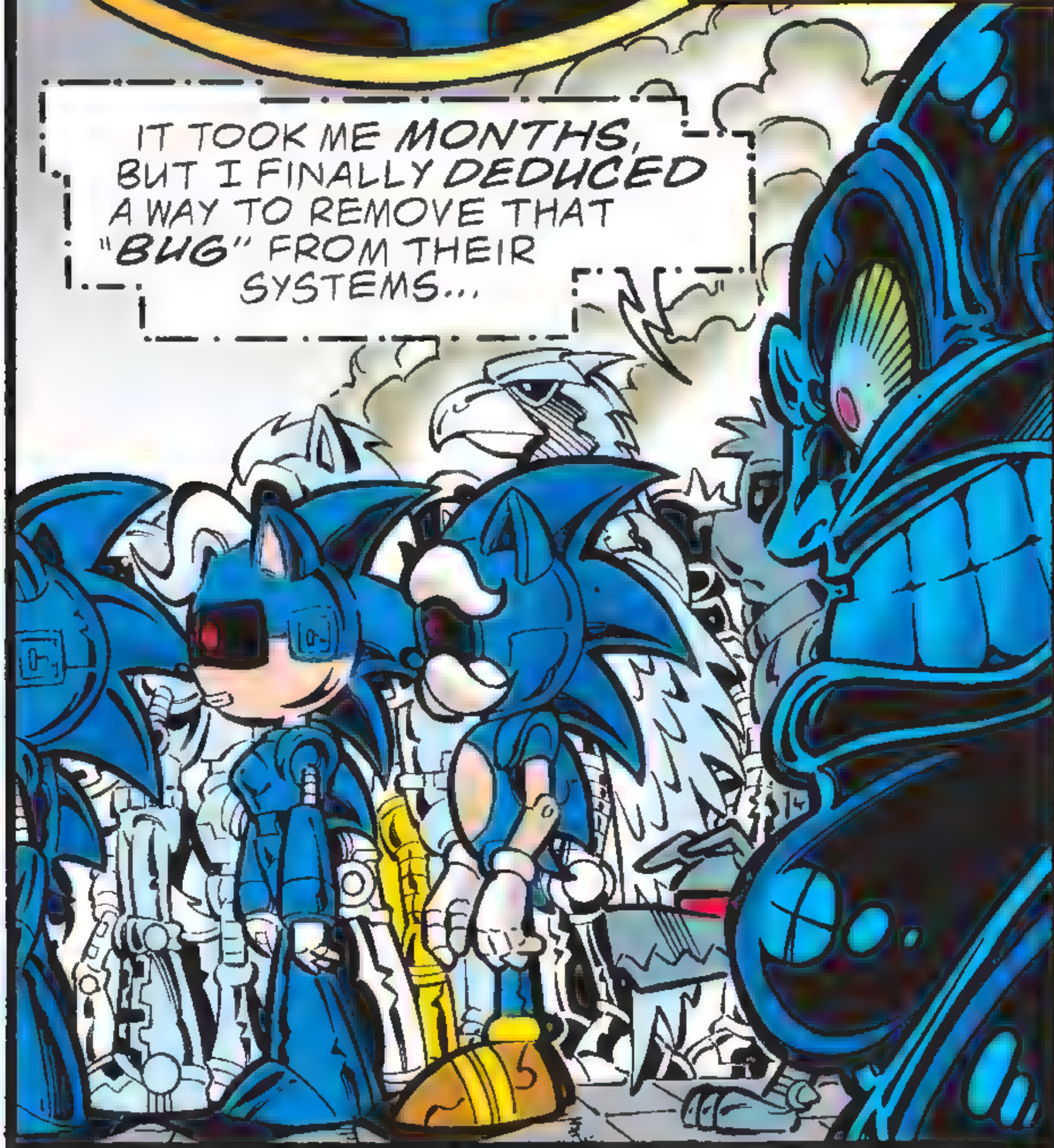
THERE'S **NOTHING** YOU CAN DO TO **REVERT** THEM TO THEIR PREVIOUS **STATE** EITHER!



THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR CANNON** HAD SOMEHOW GRANTED ROBBIANS WHO WERE IN CLOSE **PROXIMITY** TO ITS EFFECT...

...THEIR **FREEDOM OF WILL!***

* Again see ish # 50 or SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 6, JFG

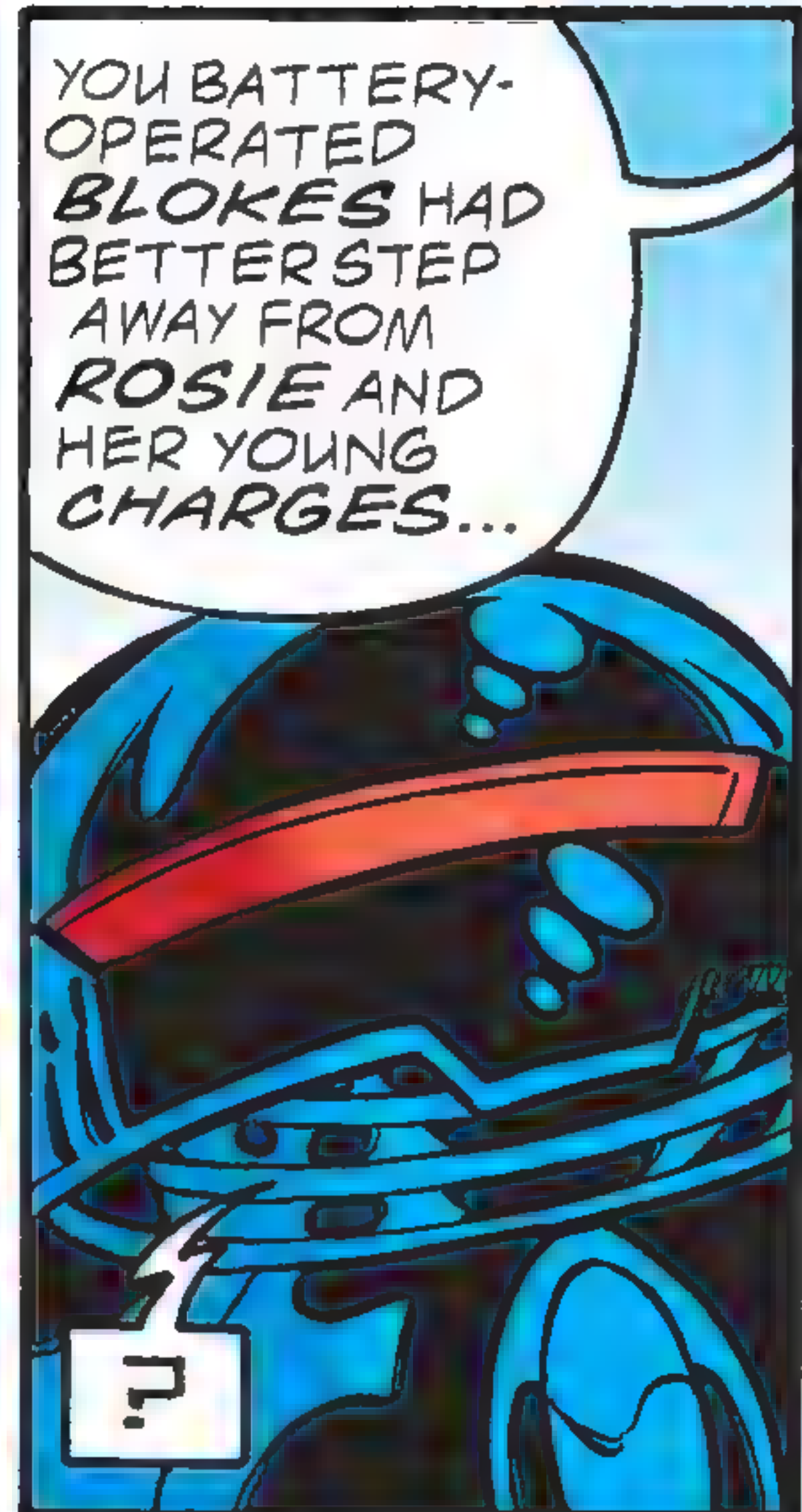
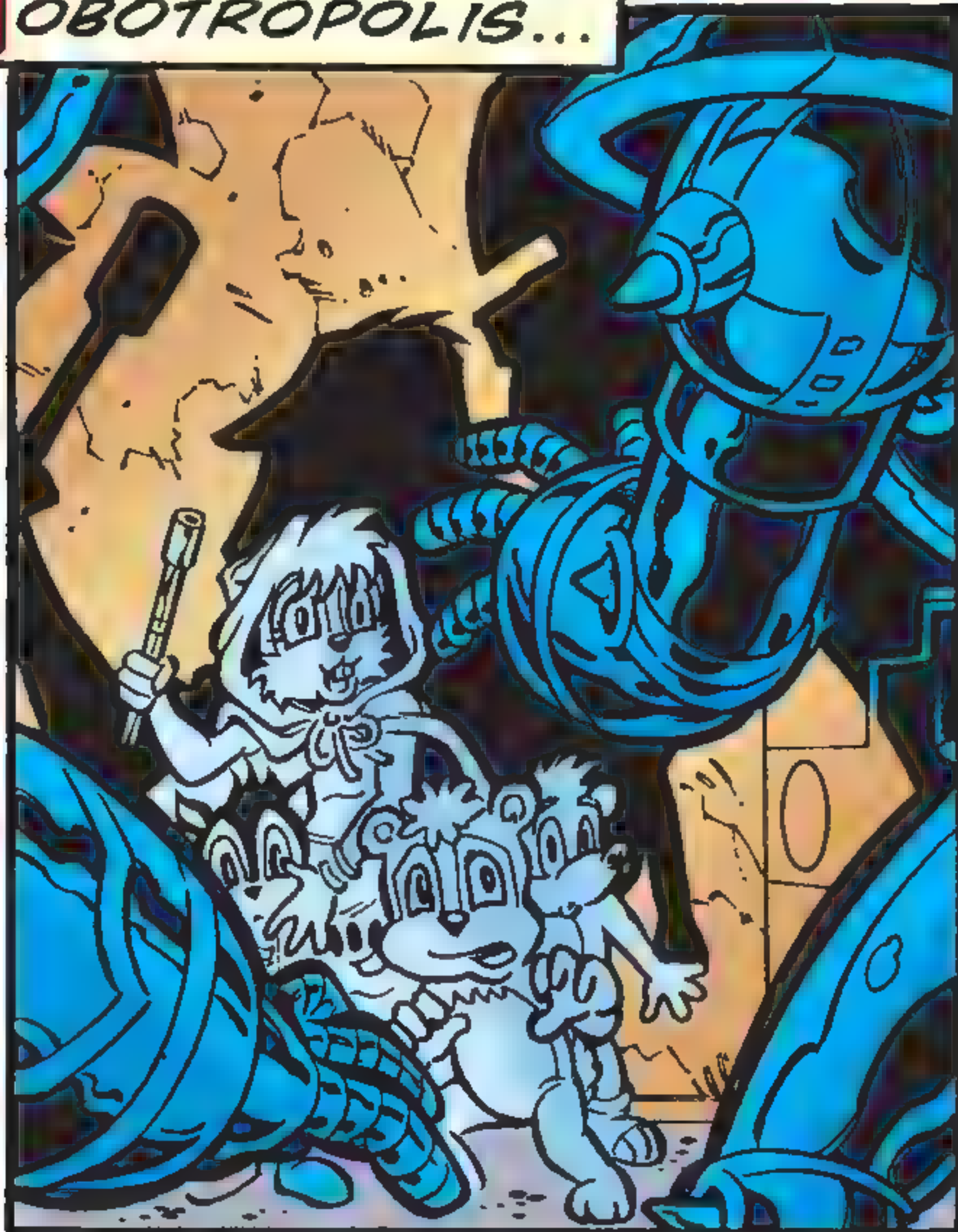


IT TOOK ME **MONTHS**, BUT I FINALLY **DEDUCED** A WAY TO REMOVE THAT **"BUG"** FROM THEIR **SYSTEMS**...

...AND RETURN THEM TO **NORMAL!**

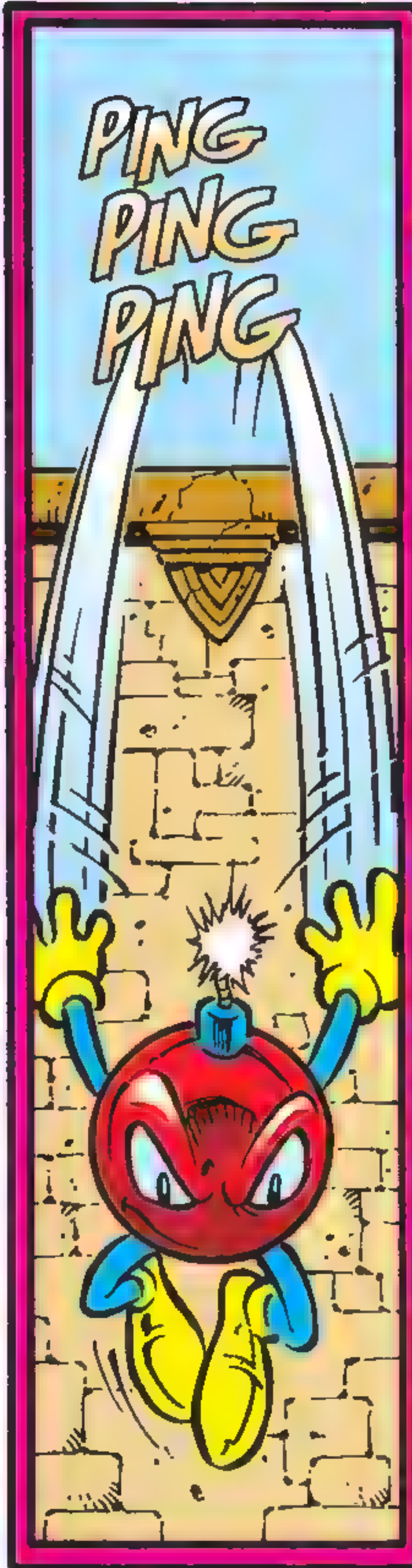


MOBOTROPOLIS...



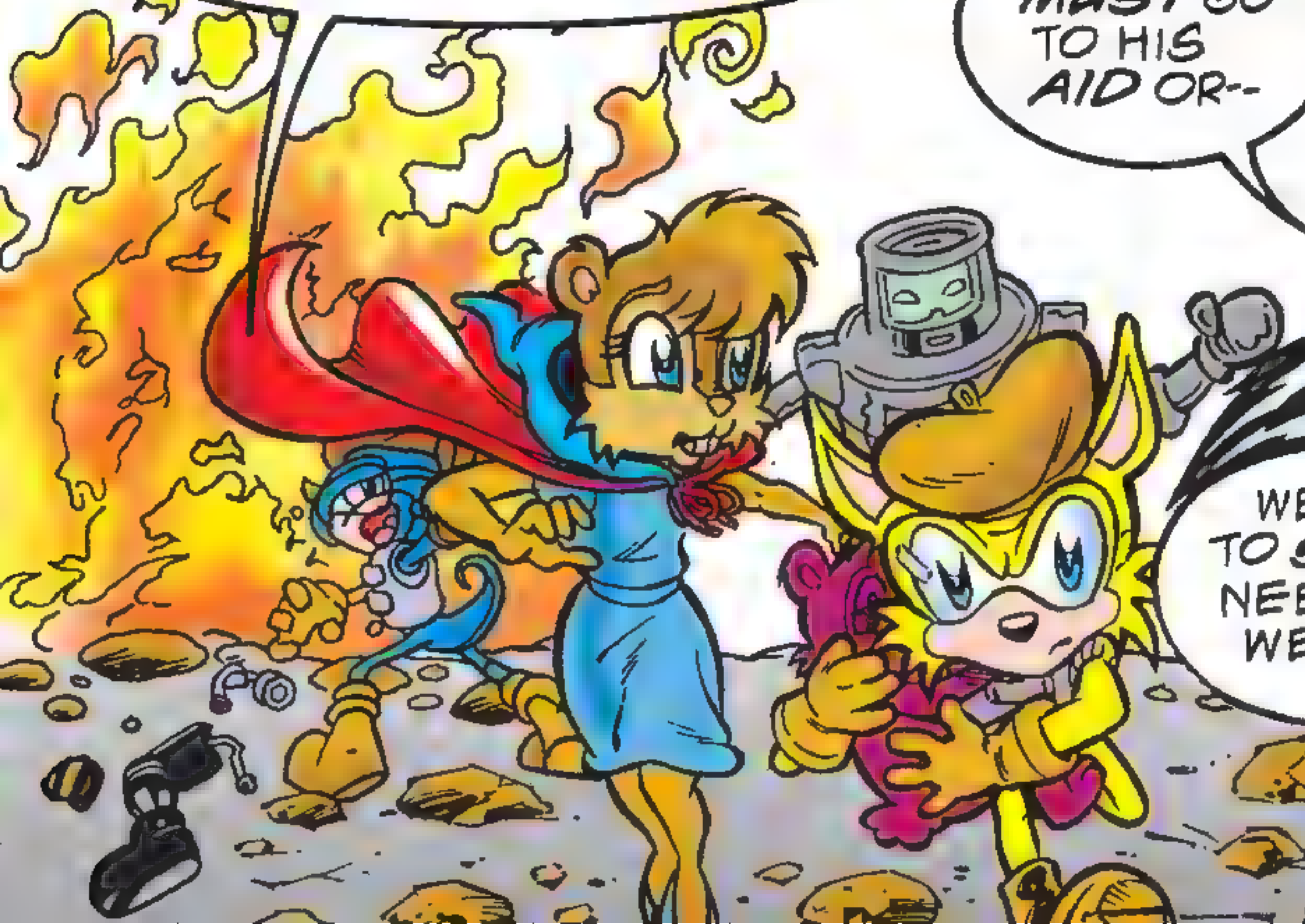
...OR LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO FACE HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE!

BOMB--
SHOW THEM WHAT I MEAN!



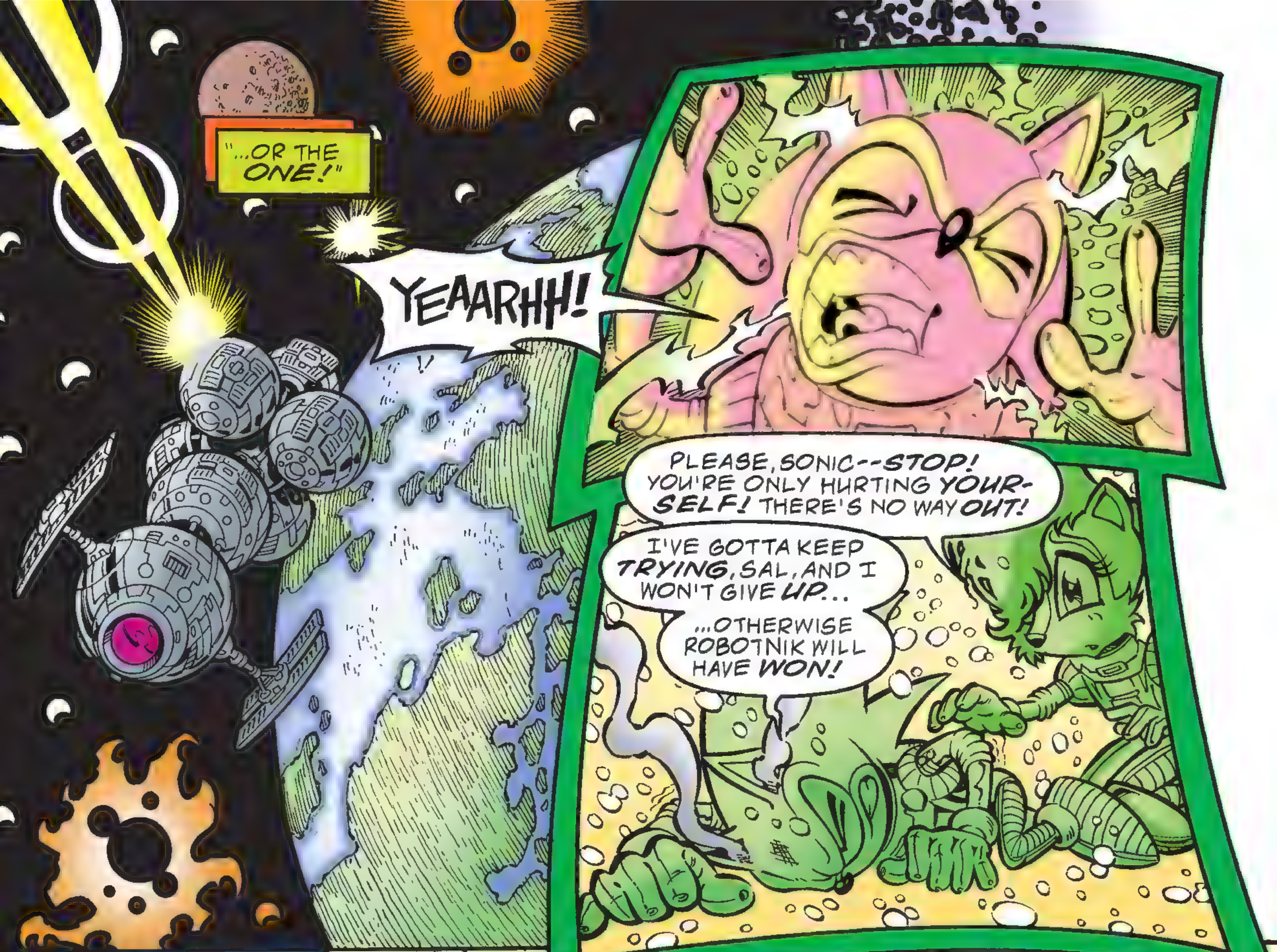
GET THOSE KIDS OUTTA HERE, TEAM--I'LL HOLD THE 'BOTS OFF!

VALDEZ!
WE MUST GO TO HIS AID OR--



WE MUST GET EVERYONE TO SAFETY, GEOFF--THE NEEDS OF THE MANY OUTWEIGHS THE NEEDS OF THE FEW...





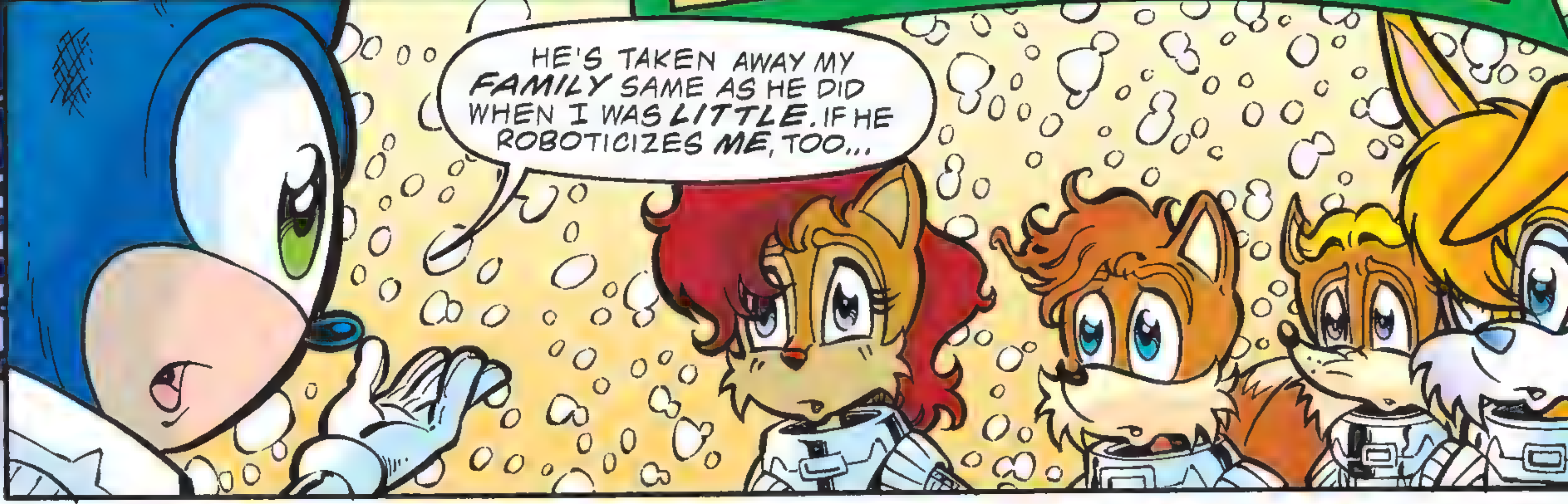
...OR THE ONE!

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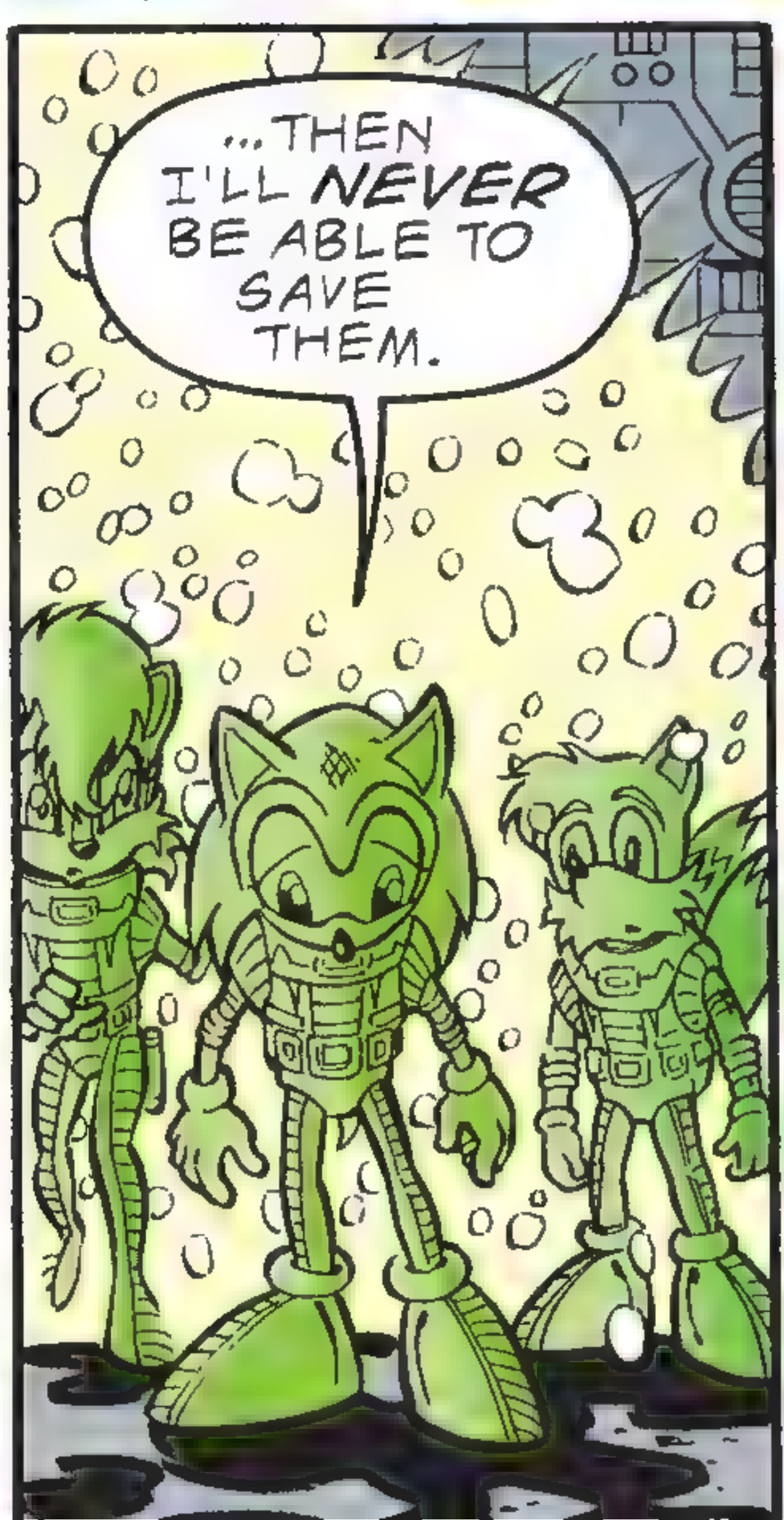
PLEASE, SONIC--STOP!
YOU'RE ONLY HURTING YOUR-
SELF! THERE'S NO WAY OUT!

I'VE GOTTA KEEP
TRYING, SAL, AND I
WON'T GIVE UP...

...OTHERWISE
ROBOTNIK WILL
HAVE WON!



HE'S TAKEN AWAY MY
FAMILY SAME AS HE DID
WHEN I WAS LITTLE. IF HE
ROBOTICIZES ME, TOO...



...THEN
I'LL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
SAVE
THEM.

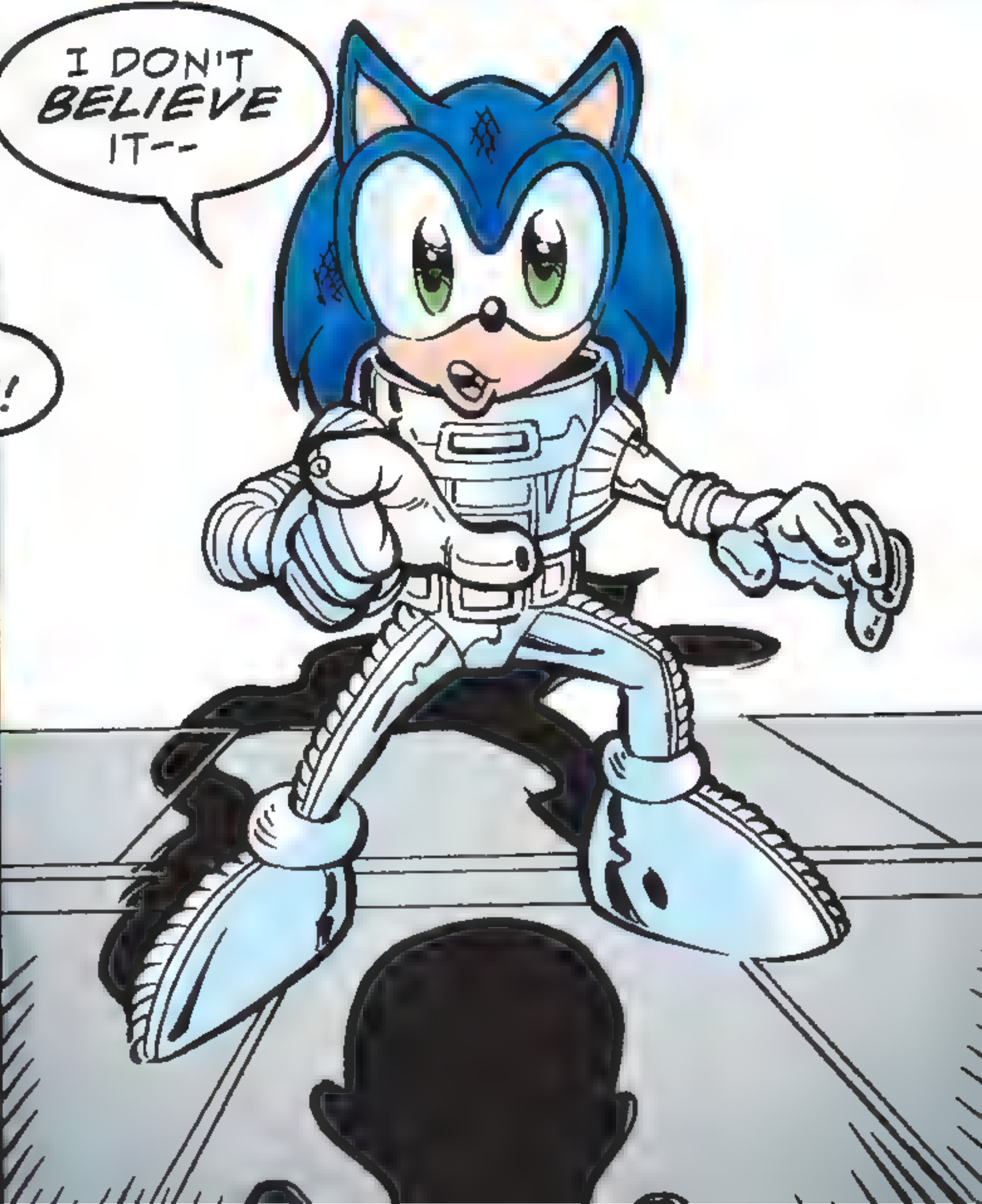


WE'RE
FREE!

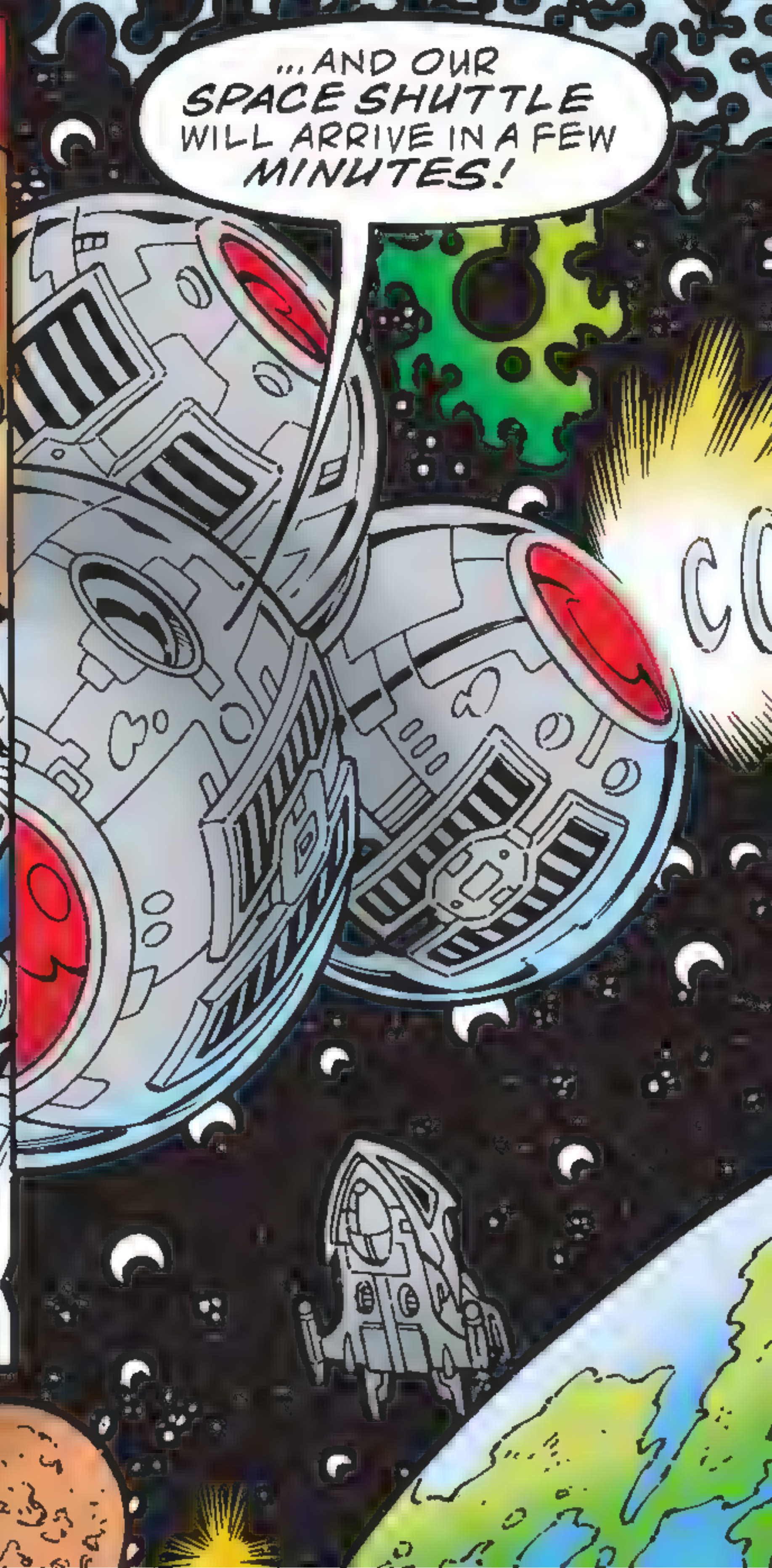
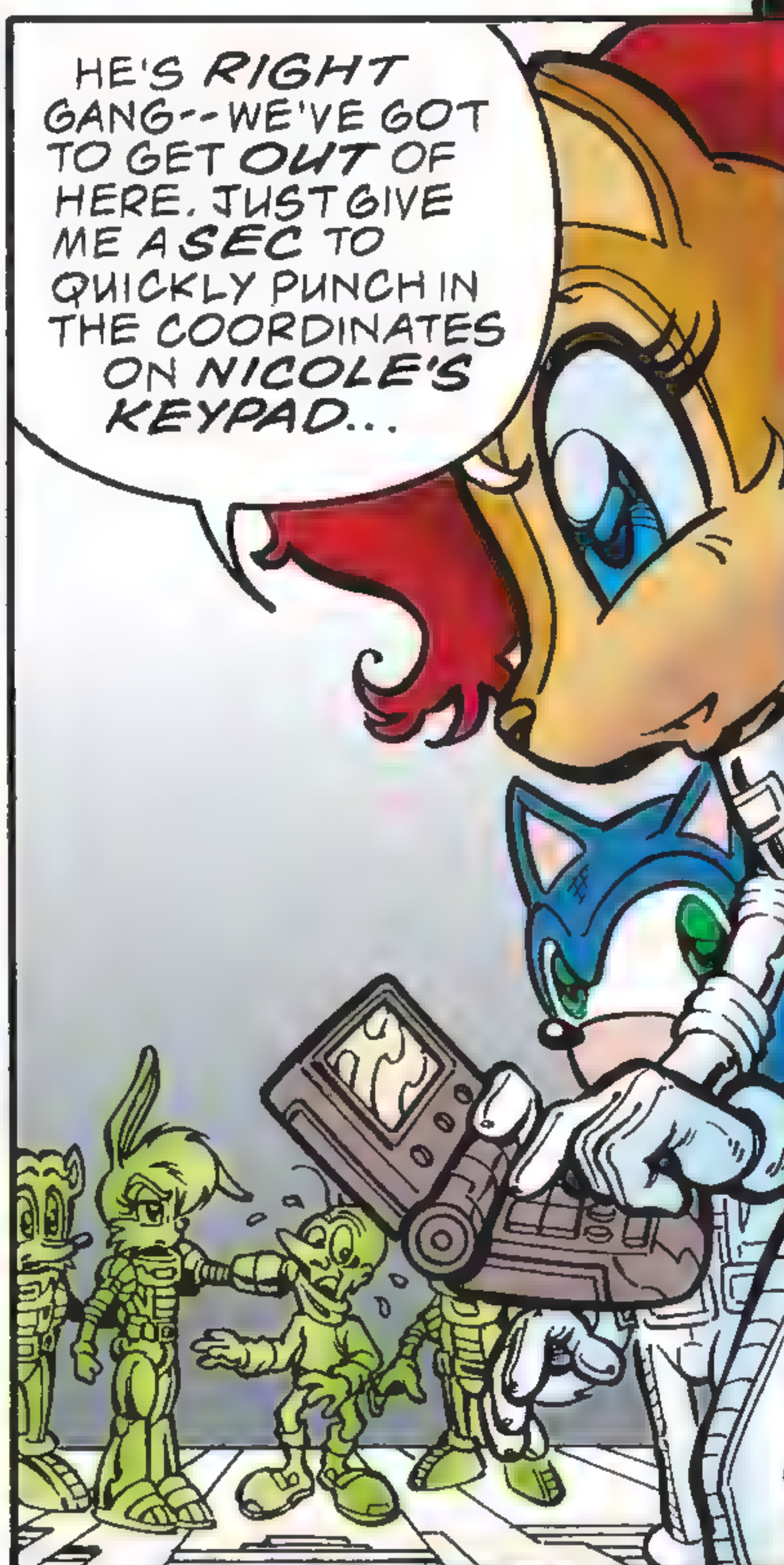
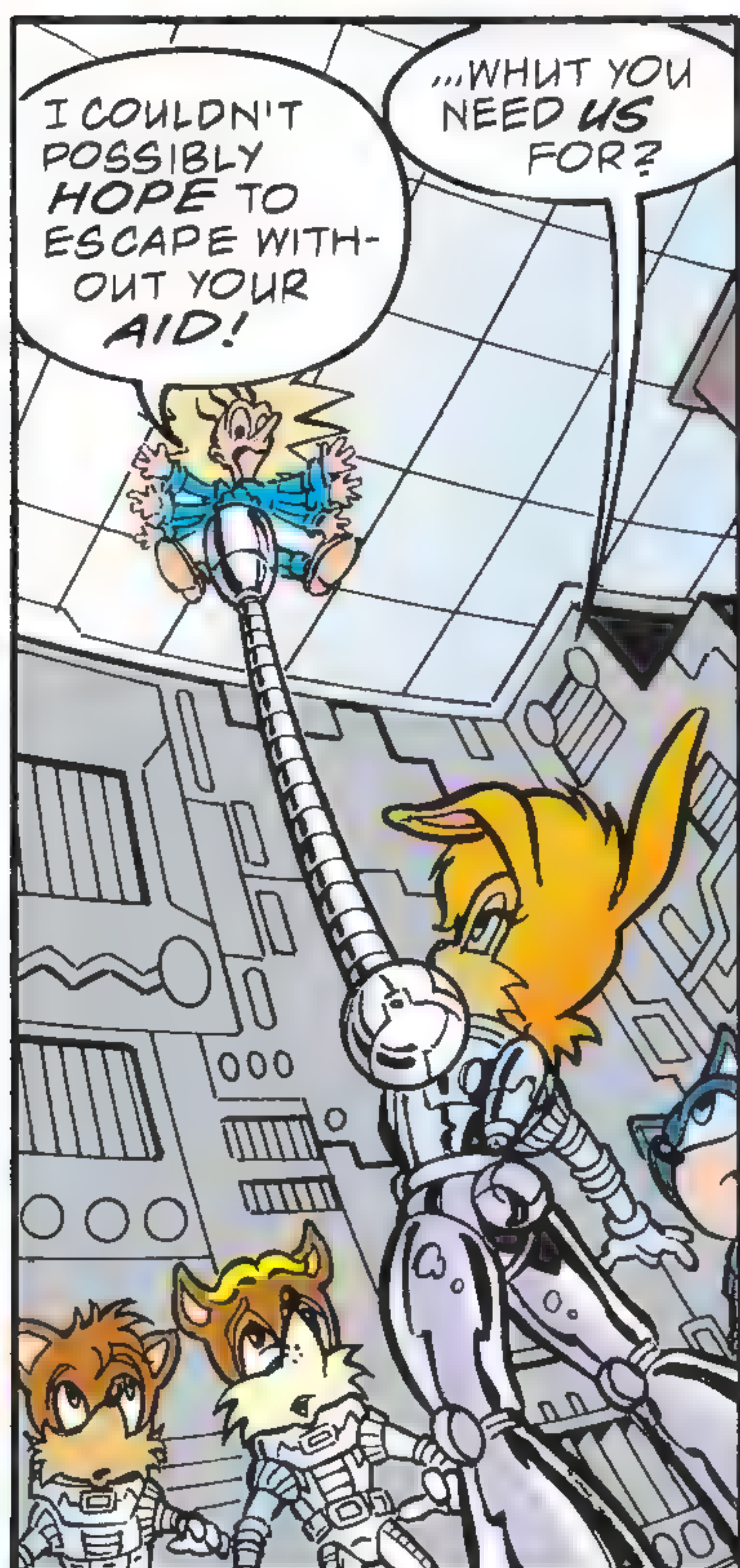
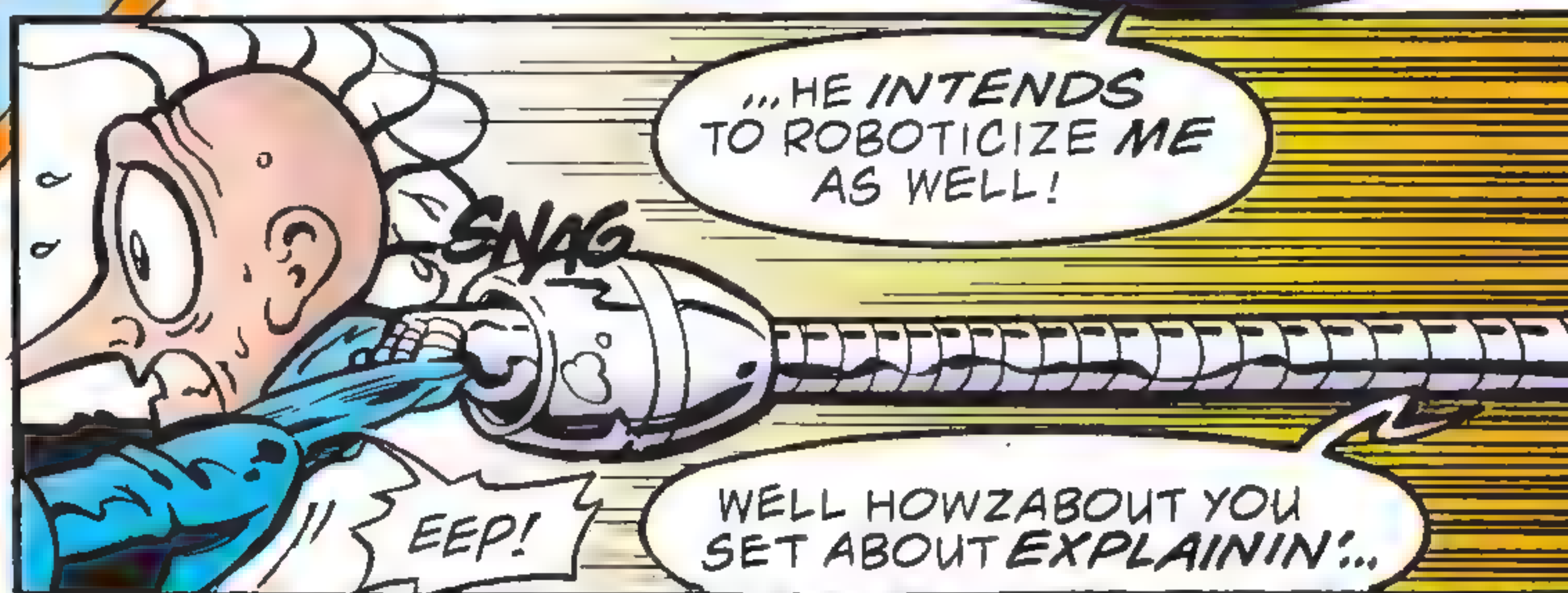
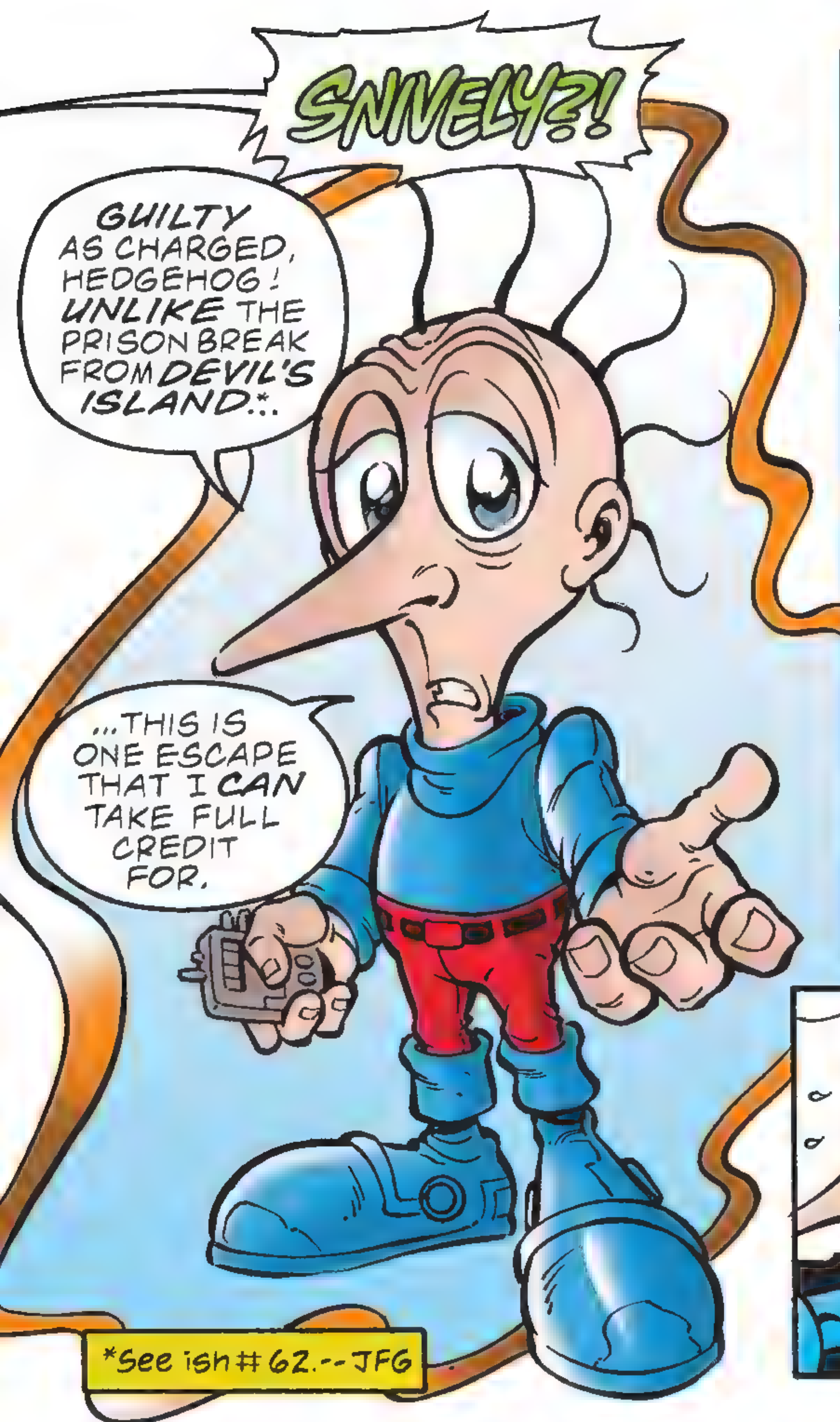
THEN, I SUPPOSE
THAT'S ANOTHER
REASON TO SEE YOU
RELEASED FROM
THAT PRISON!

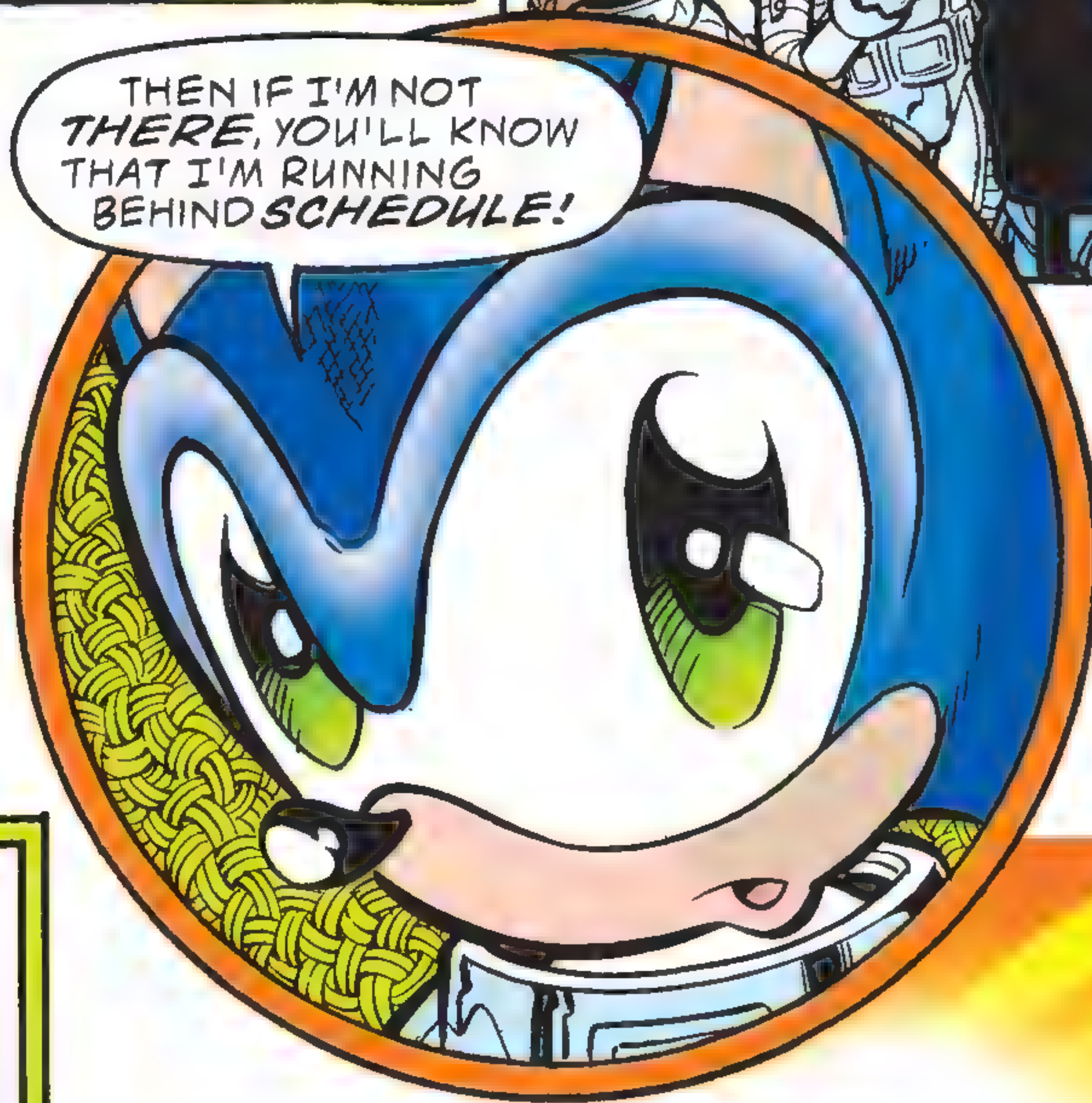
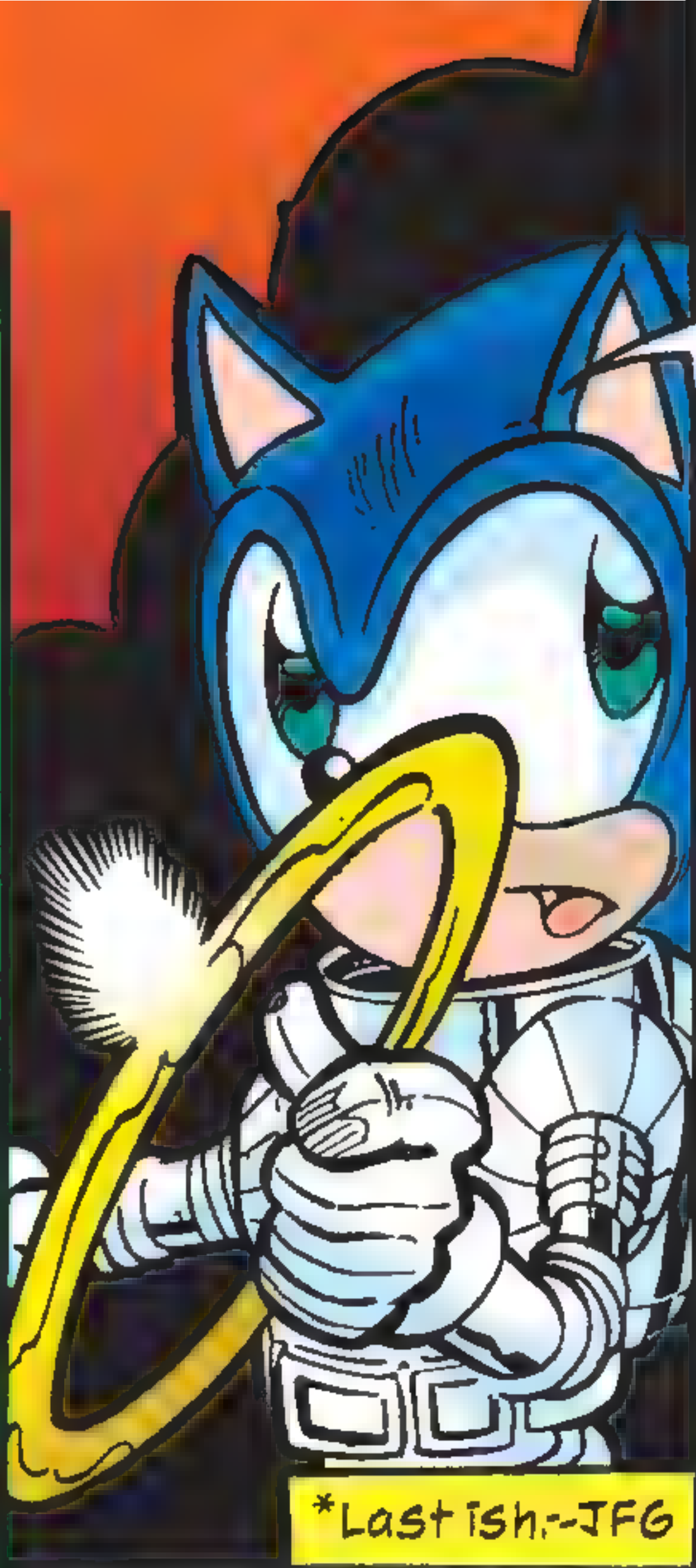
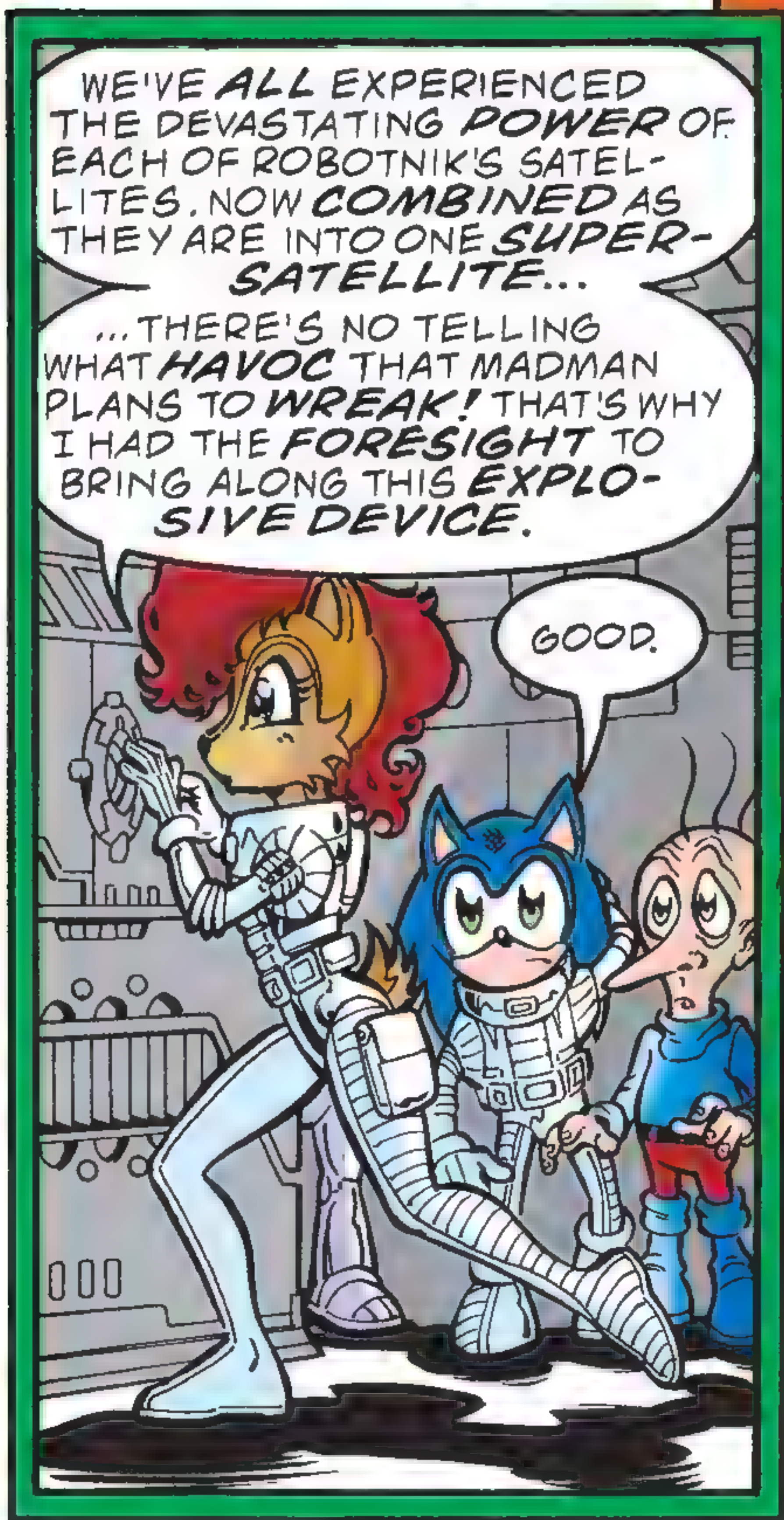
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RESPONSIBLE?!

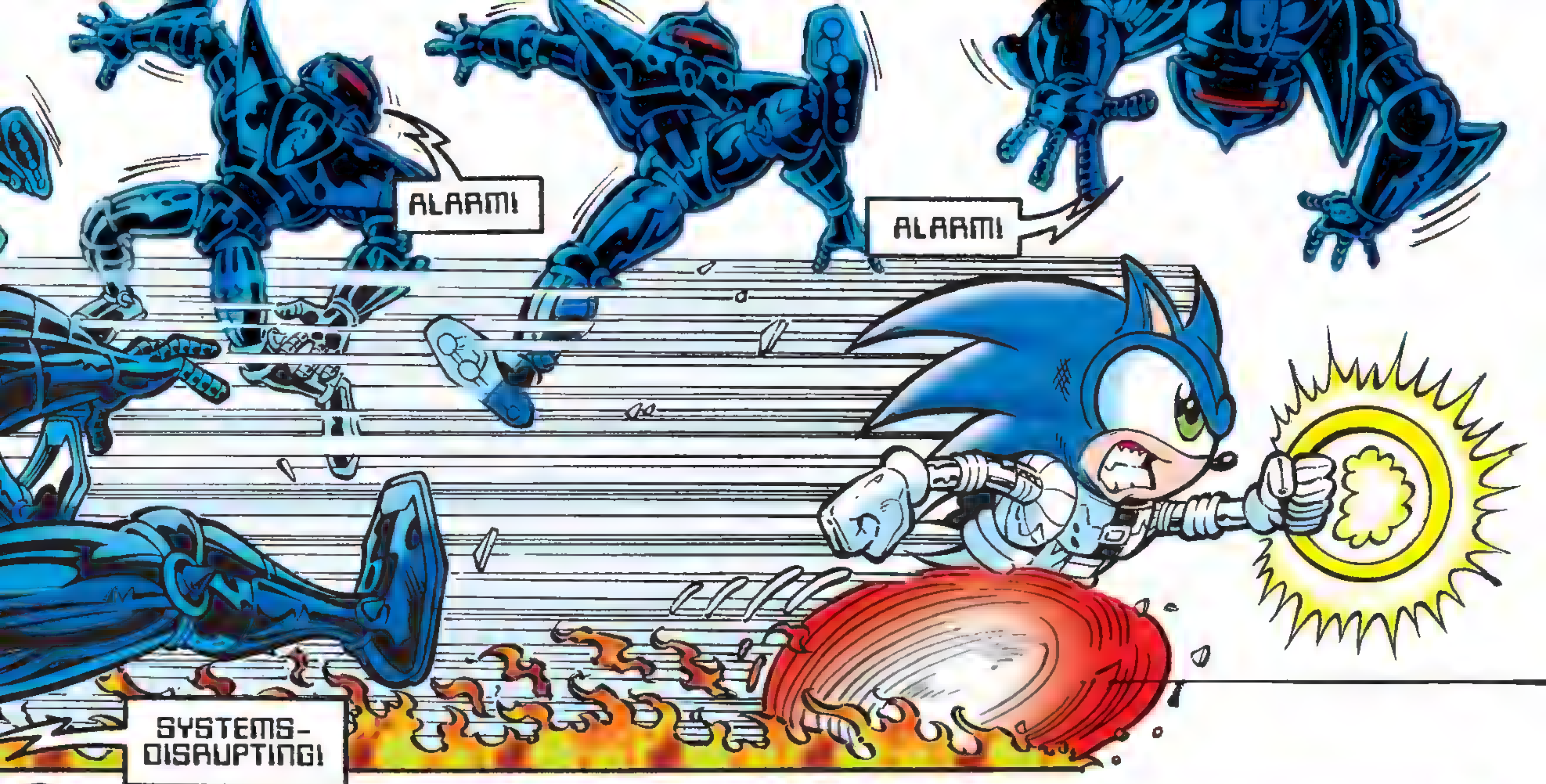
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I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT--



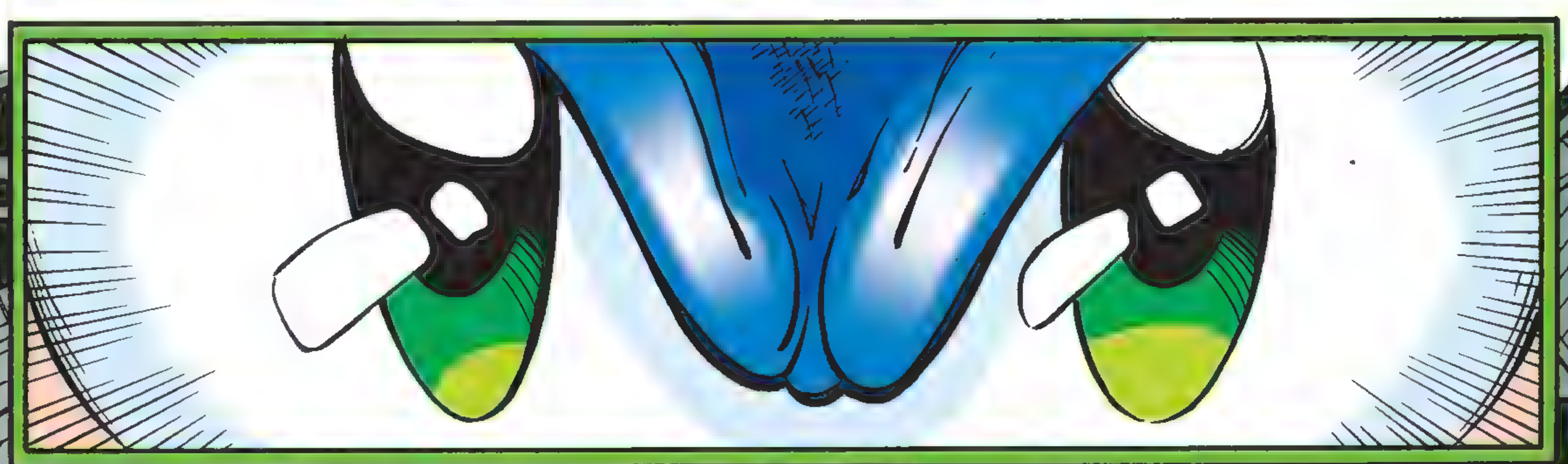




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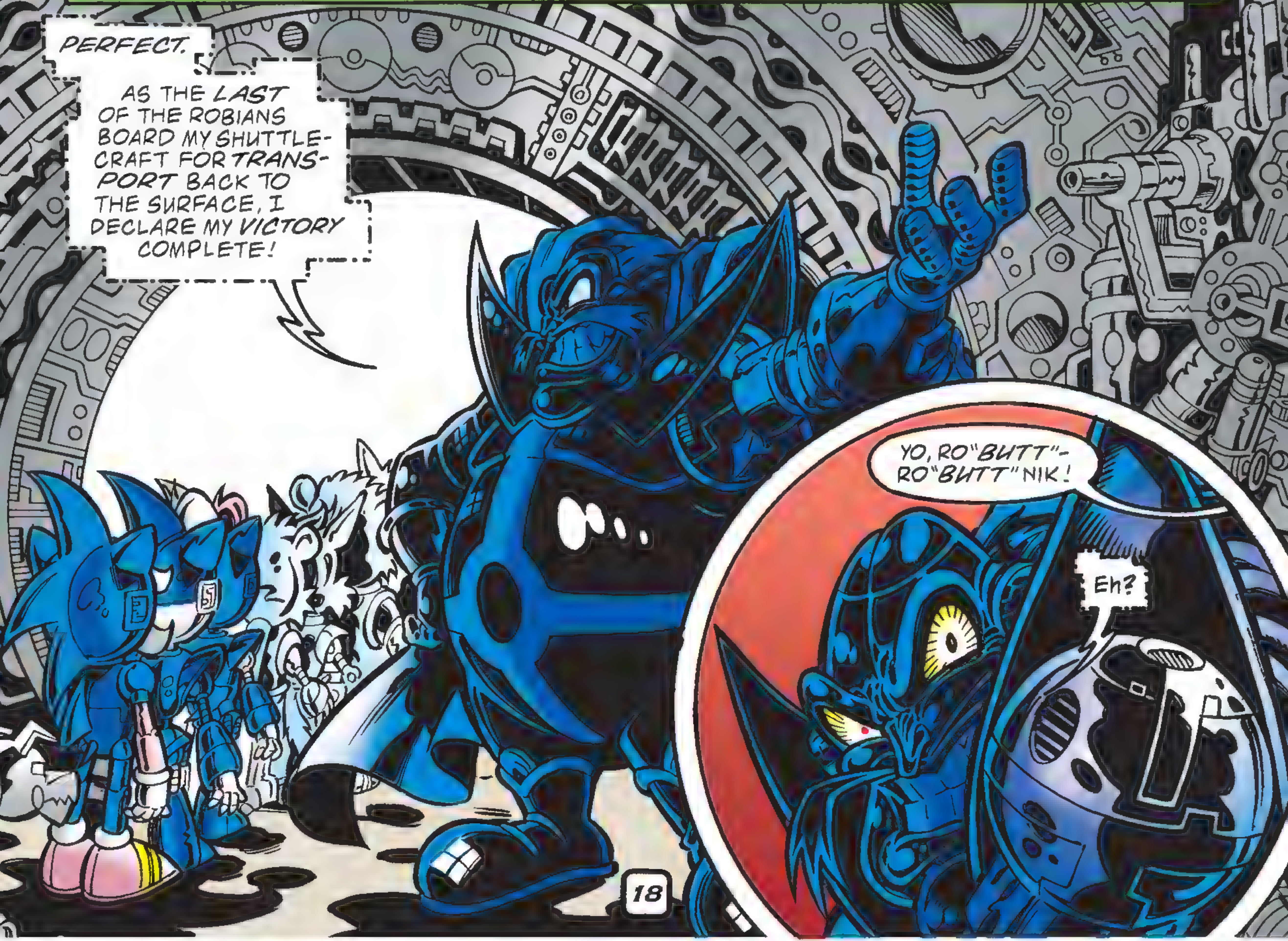
ALARM!

SYSTEMS-
DISRUPTING!



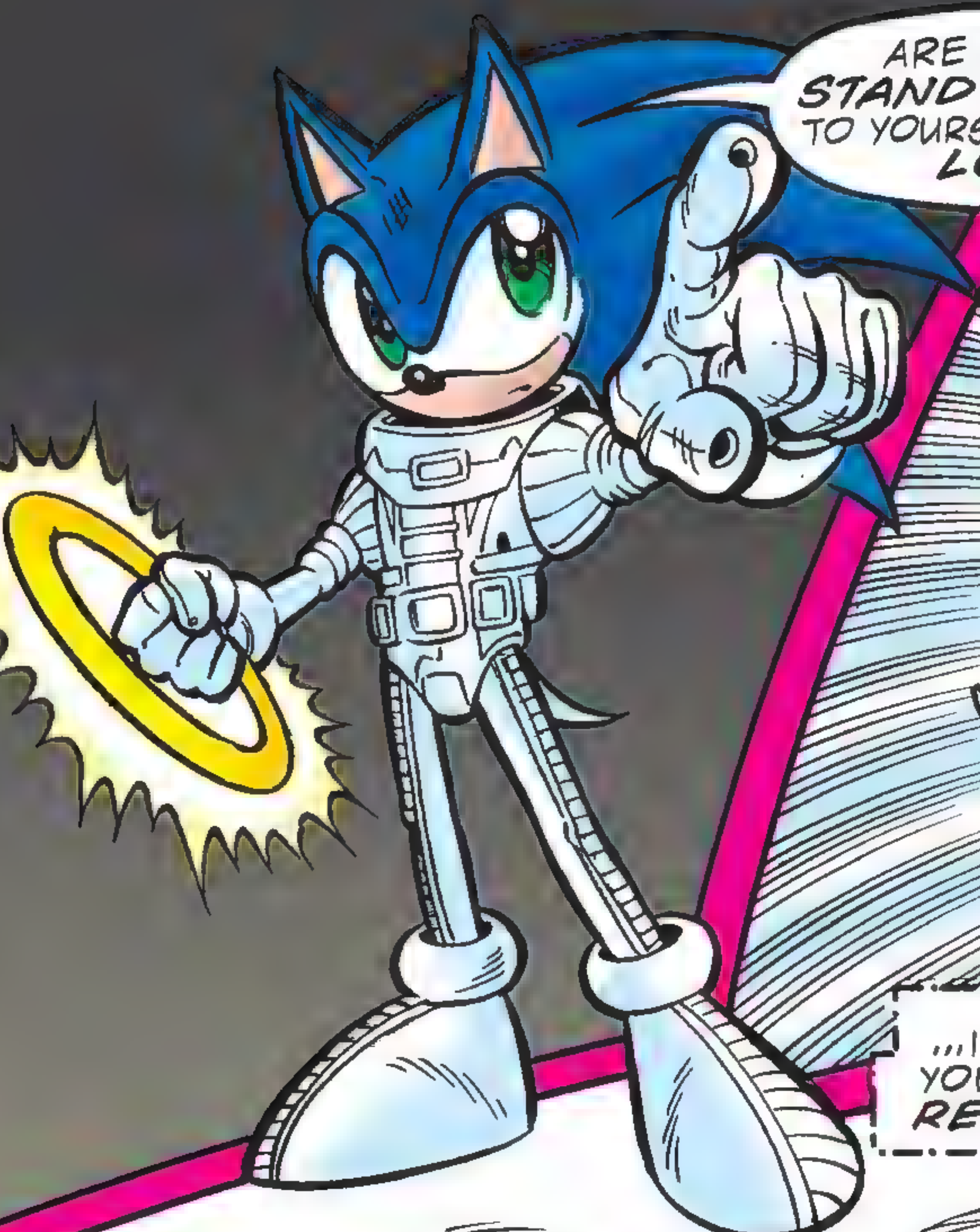
PERFECT.

AS THE LAST
OF THE ROBANS
BOARD MY SHUTTLE-
CRAFT FOR TRANS-
PORT BACK TO
THE SURFACE, I
DECLARE MY VICTORY
COMPLETE!



YO, RO"BU"TT"-
RO"BU"TT"NIK!

Eh?



ARE YOU GONNA
STAND AROUND TALKIN'
TO YOURSELF ALL DAY
LONG...

...OR ARE
YOU READY TO
RUMBLE?

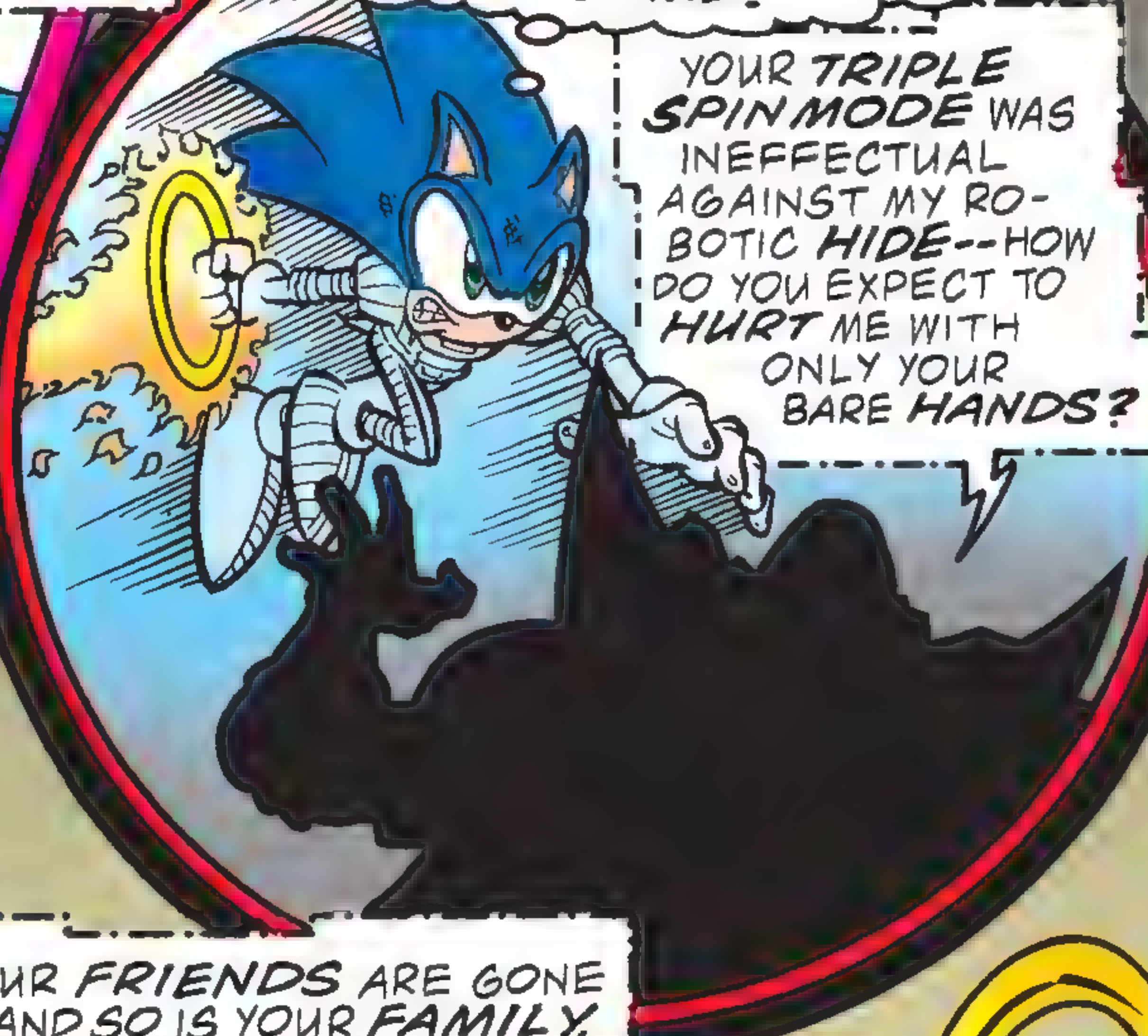


THOUGH SNIVELY HAS NO
DOUBT SEEN FIT TO FREE YOU
...YOU'RE TOO **LATE**, VERMIN!

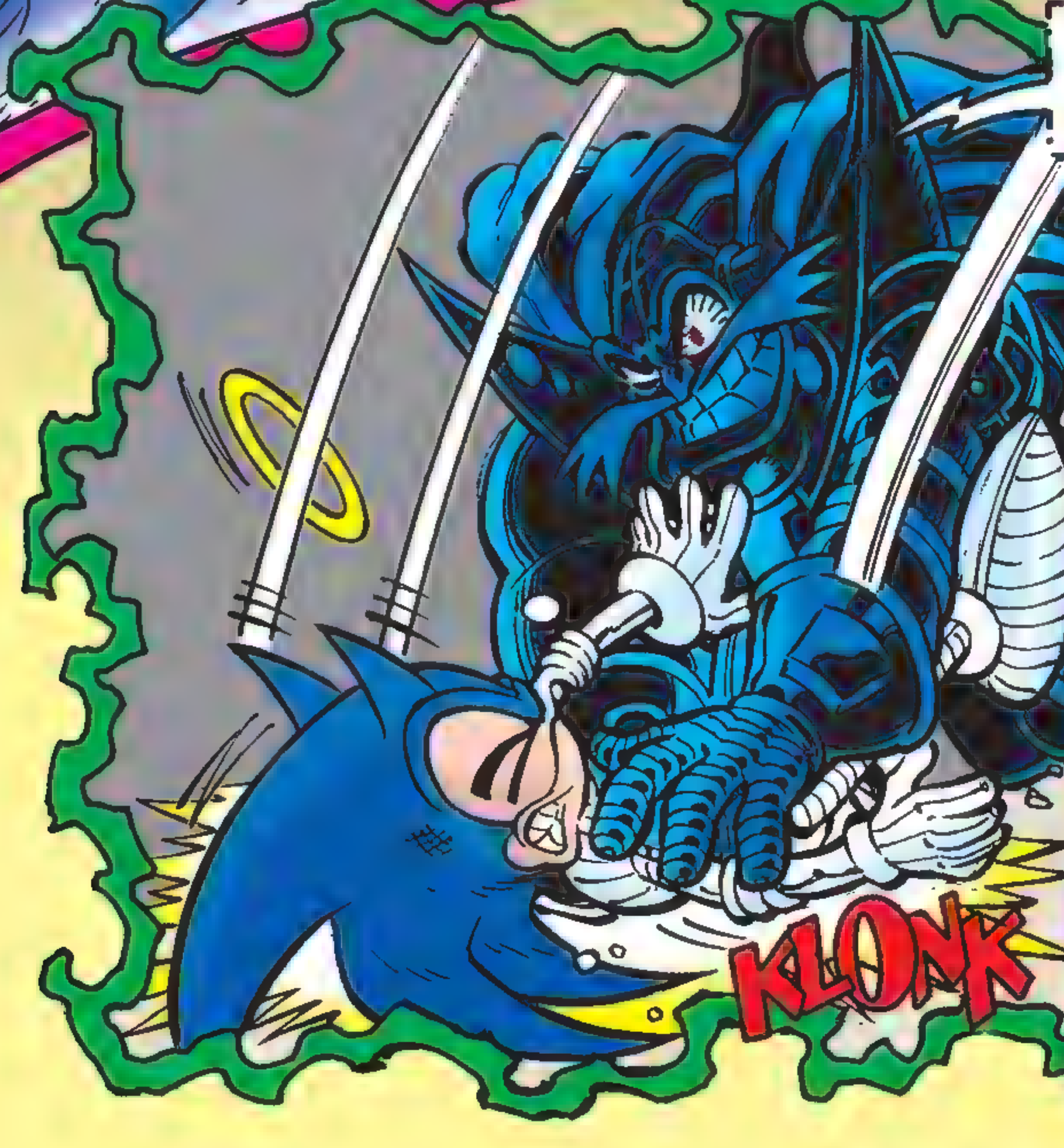
THE SHUTTLE HAS ALREADY
DEPARTED WITH ALL OF
THE ROBBIANS...

...INCLUDING
YOUR BELOVED
RELATIVES!

WELL, AT **LEAST** THEY
WON'T BE AROUND WHEN THIS
JOINT BLOWS TO **KINGDOM**
COME!



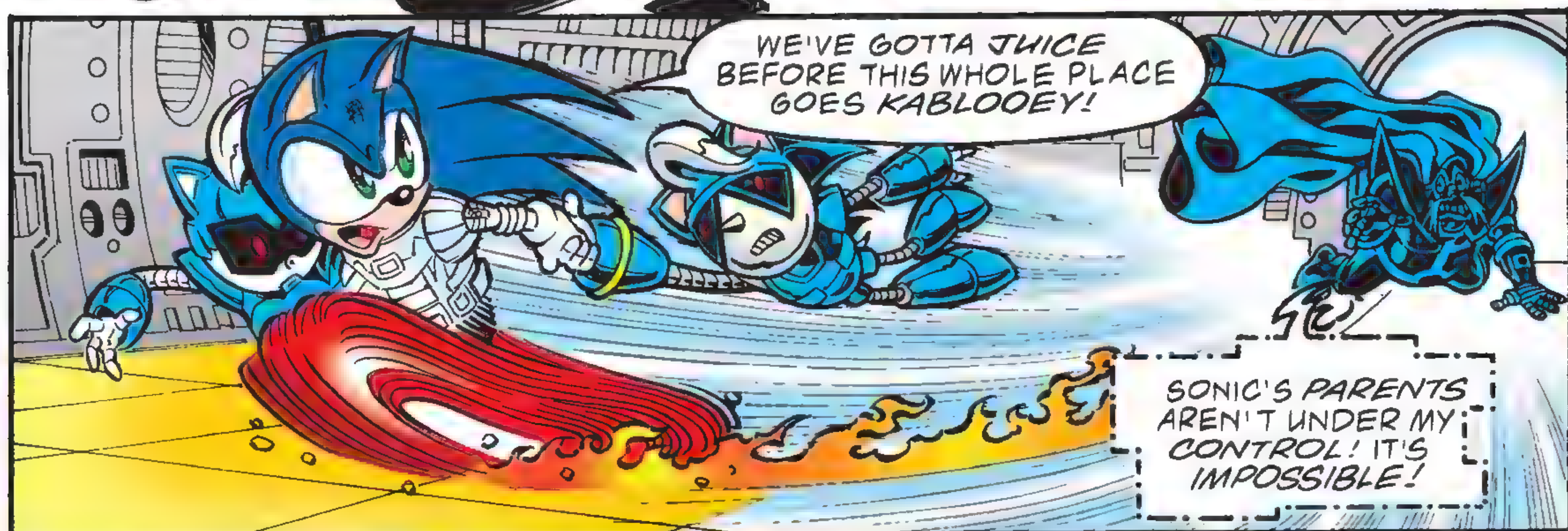
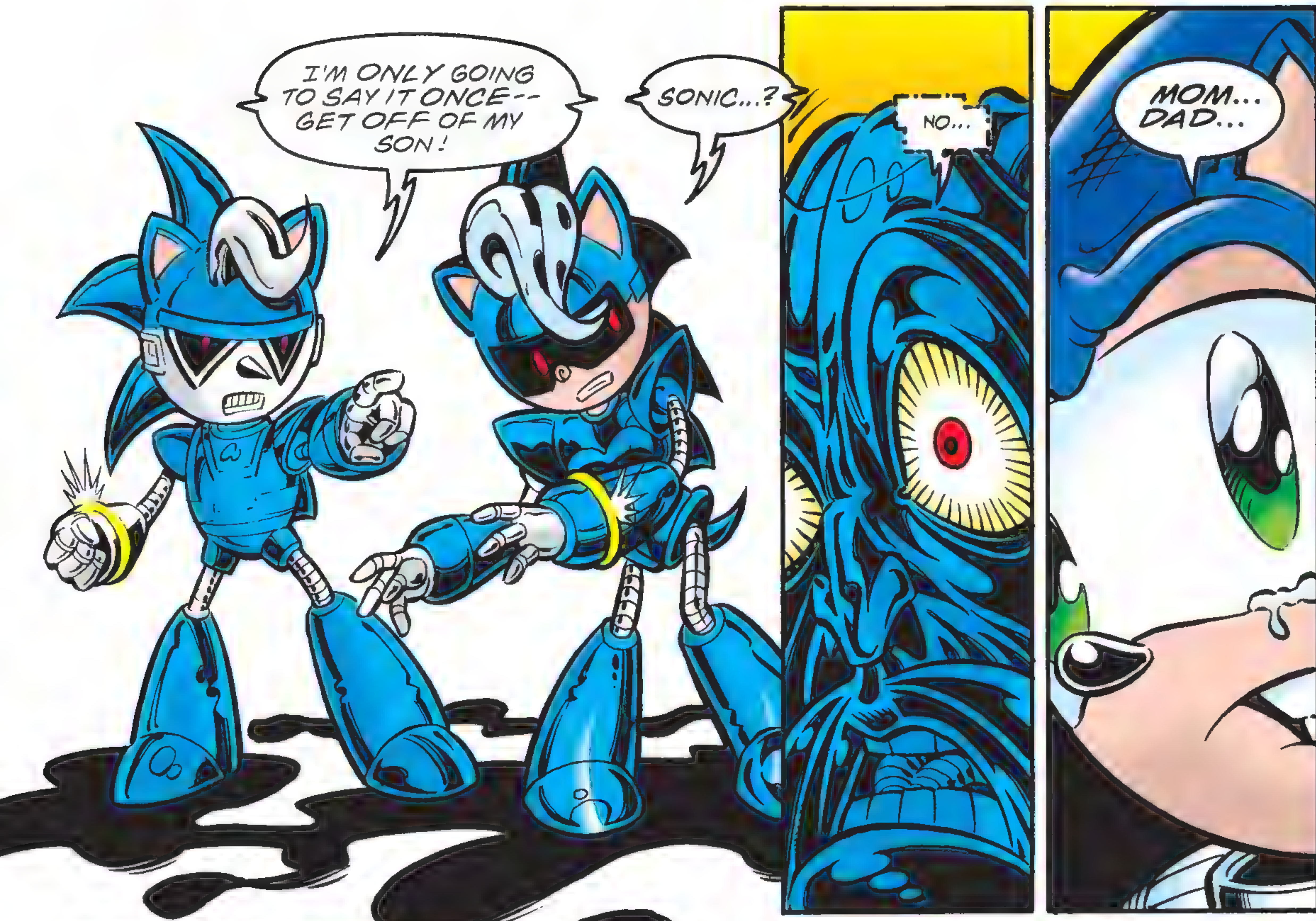
YOUR **TRIPLE**
SPIN MODE WAS
INEFFECTUAL
AGAINST MY RO-
BOTIC **HIDE**--HOW
DO YOU EXPECT TO
HURT ME WITH
ONLY YOUR
BARE HANDS?



YOUR **FRIENDS** ARE GONE
...AND SO IS YOUR **FAMILY**,
SONIC. ONLY YOU AND I
REMAIN ABOARD MY
GATELLITE AS THE **END**
DRAWS NEAR!

THINK **AGAIN**,
YOU **TIN-PLATED**
TYRANT!

KLONK



"...NOW!"

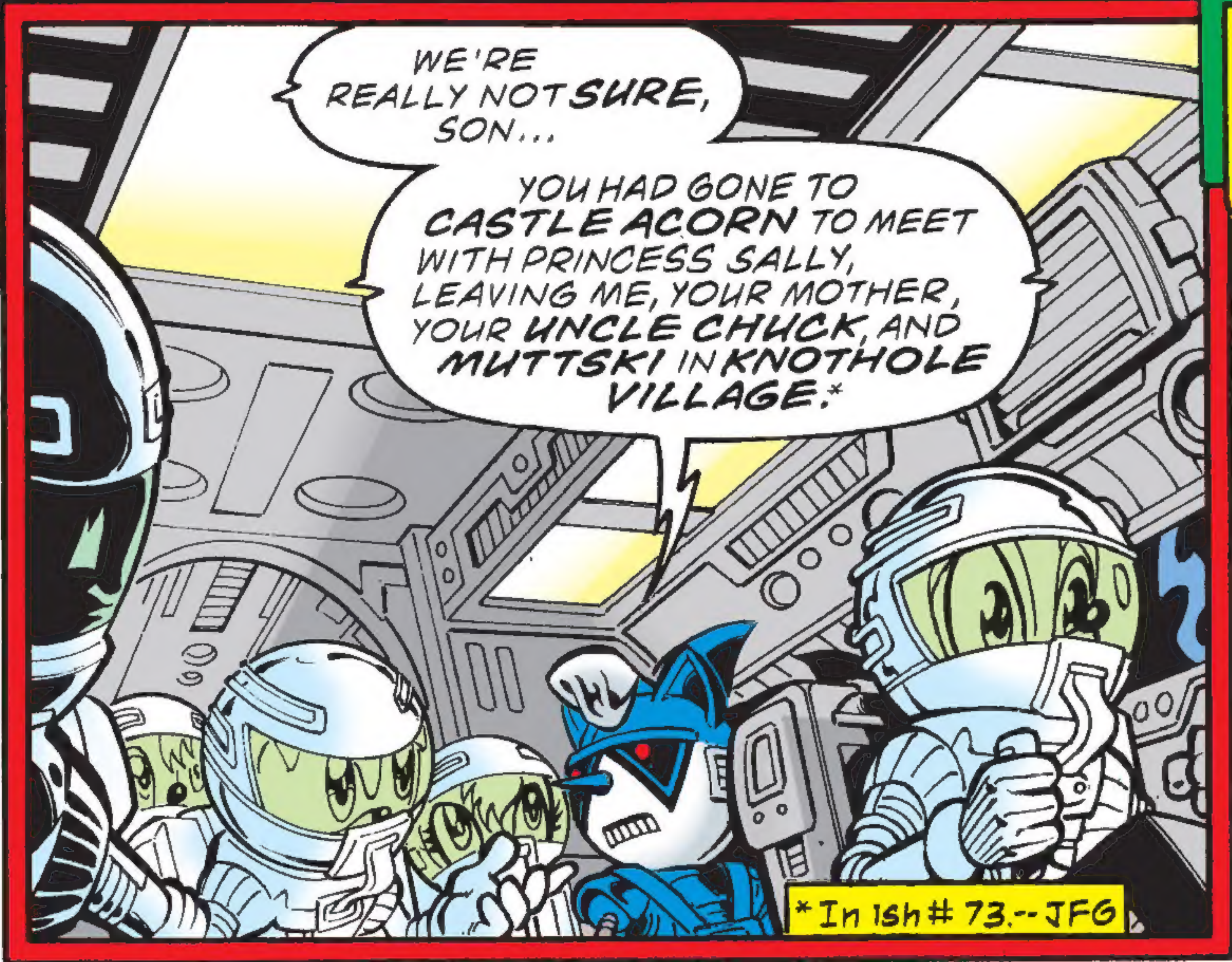
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KRAK BOOOM



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND,
MOM AND DAD--

--ROBOTNIK'S RETURN
REVERTED THE OTHER ROBBIANS
TO A MINDLESS **STATE**--HOW
COME YOU WEREN'T AFFECTED
THE SAME WAY?



WE'RE
REALLY NOT **SURE**,
SON...

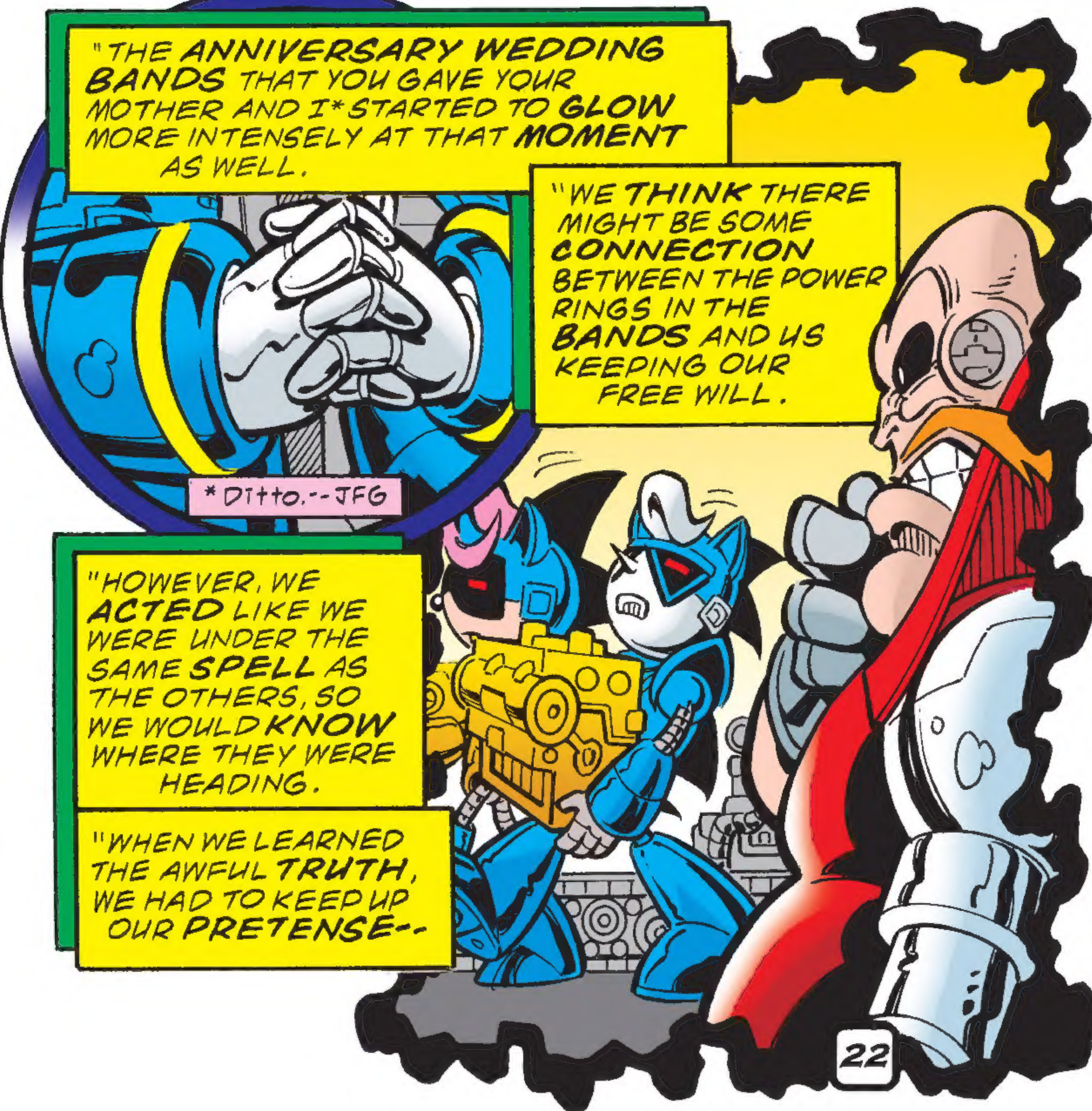
YOU HAD GONE TO
CASTLE ACORN TO MEET
WITH PRINCESS SALLY,
LEAVING ME, YOUR MOTHER,
YOUR **UNCLE CHUCK**, AND
MUTTSKI IN **KNOTHOLE**
VILLAGE.*

*In Ish # 73.--JFG



"EVERYTHING WAS FINE WHEN
SUDDENLY, ALL OF THE RO-
BIANS IN THE **COLONY** JUST
GOT UP AND LEFT IN RESPONSE
TO A WEIRD **BEACON**.

"YOUR **UNCLE** DIDN'T EVEN
HEAR US CALL OUT TO
HIM, SONIC.



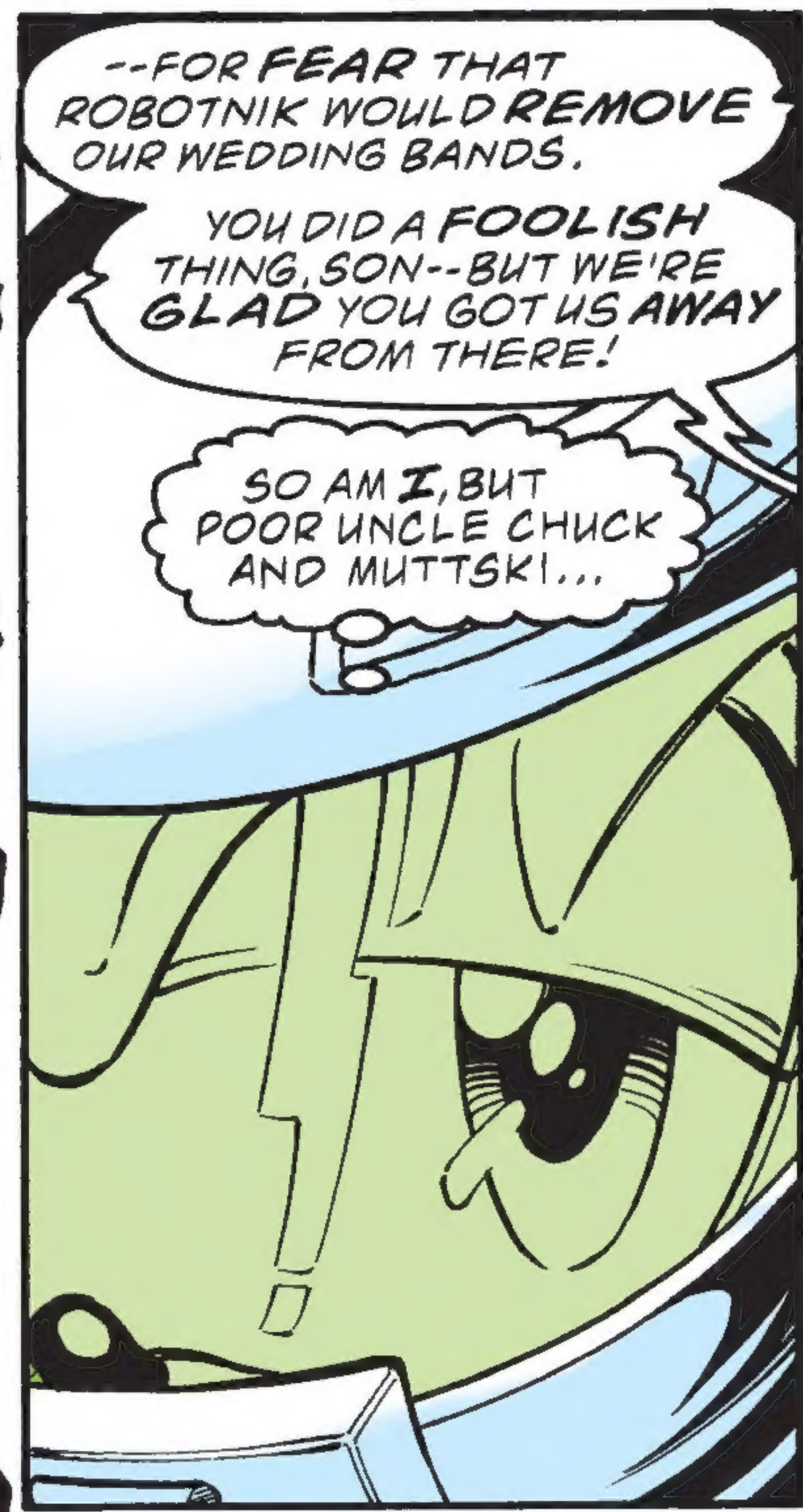
"THE **ANNIVERSARY WEDDING**
BANDS THAT YOU GAVE YOUR
MOTHER AND I*STARTED TO **GLOW**
MORE INTENSELY AT THAT **MOMENT**
AS WELL.

"WE THINK THERE
MIGHT BE SOME
CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE POWER
RINGS IN THE
BANDS AND US
KEEPING OUR
FREE WILL.

*Ditto.--JFG

"HOWEVER, WE
ACTED LIKE WE
WERE UNDER THE
SAME **SPELL** AS
THE OTHERS, SO
WE WOULD **KNOW**
WHERE THEY WERE
HEADING.

"WHEN WE LEARNED
THE **AWFUL TRUTH**,
WE HAD TO KEEP UP
OUR **PRETENSE**--



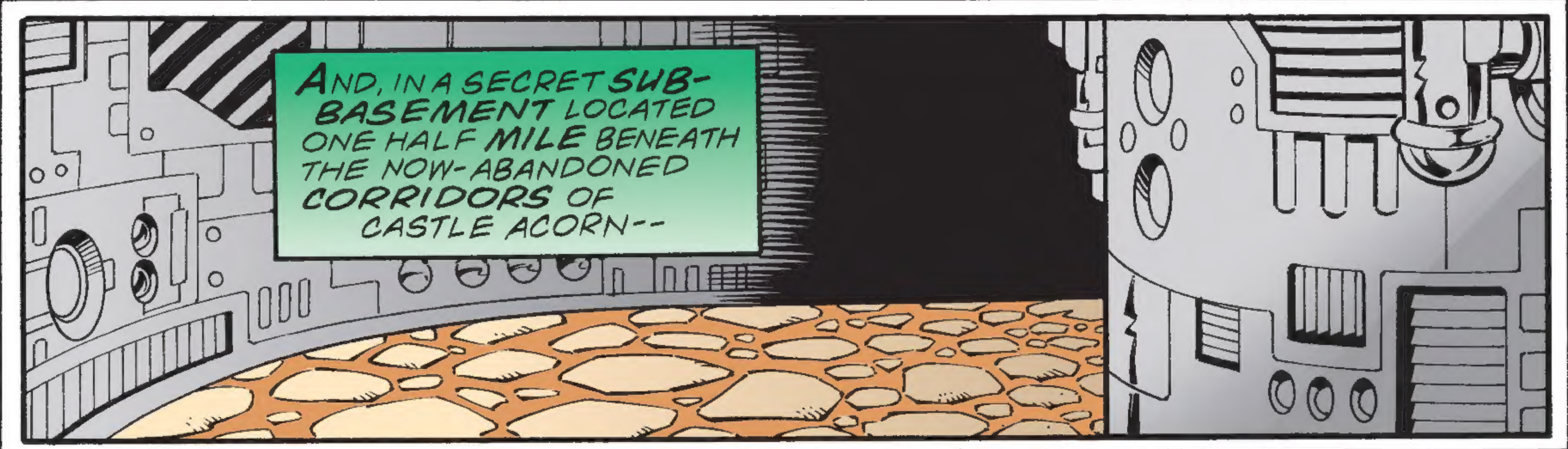
--FOR FEAR THAT
ROBOTNIK WOULD REMOVE
OUR WEDDING **BANDS**.

YOU DID A **FOOLISH**
THING, SON--BUT WE'RE
GLAD YOU GOT US AWAY
FROM THERE!

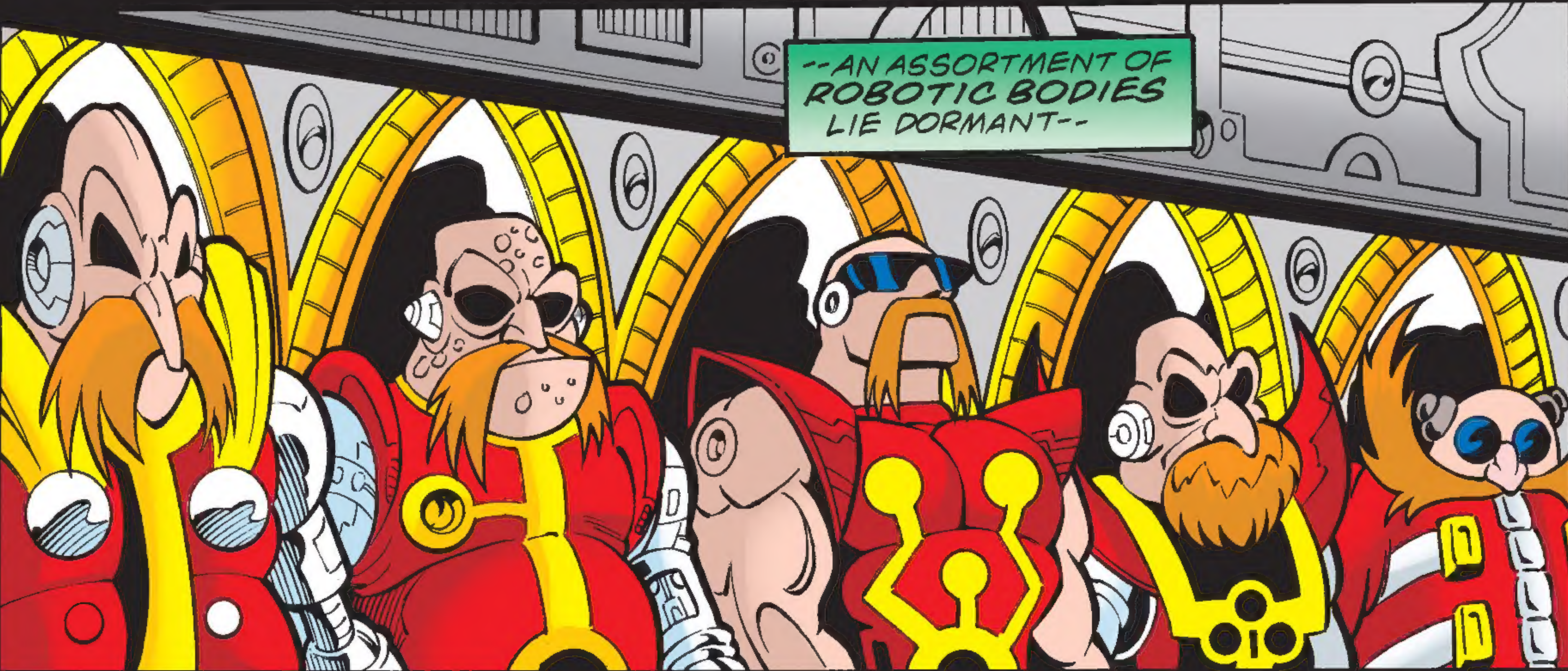
SO AM I, BUT
POOR **UNCLE CHUCK**
AND **MUTTSKI**...



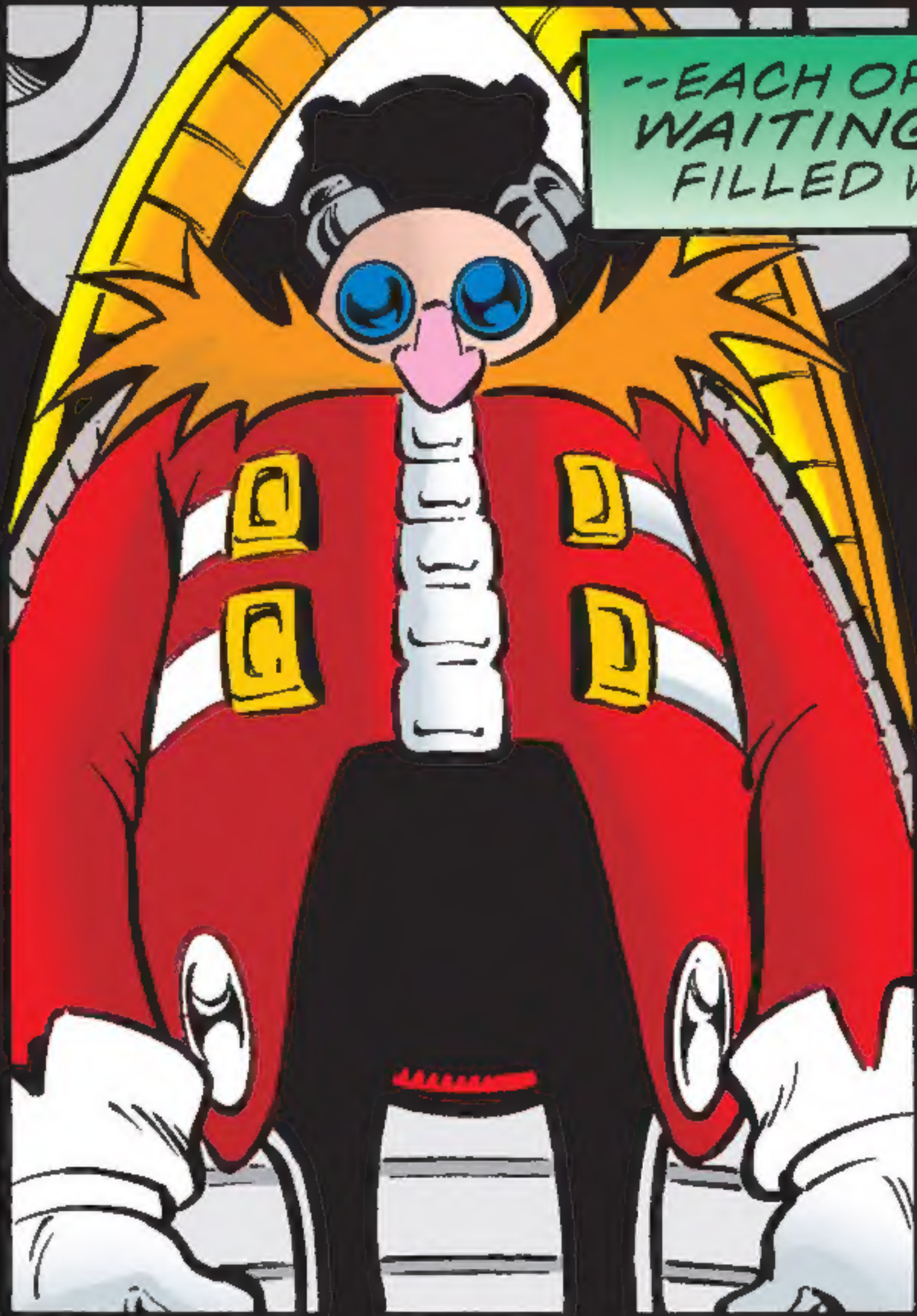
T IS DUSK IN THE
NEWLY RE-CHRISTENED
ROBOTROPOLIS.



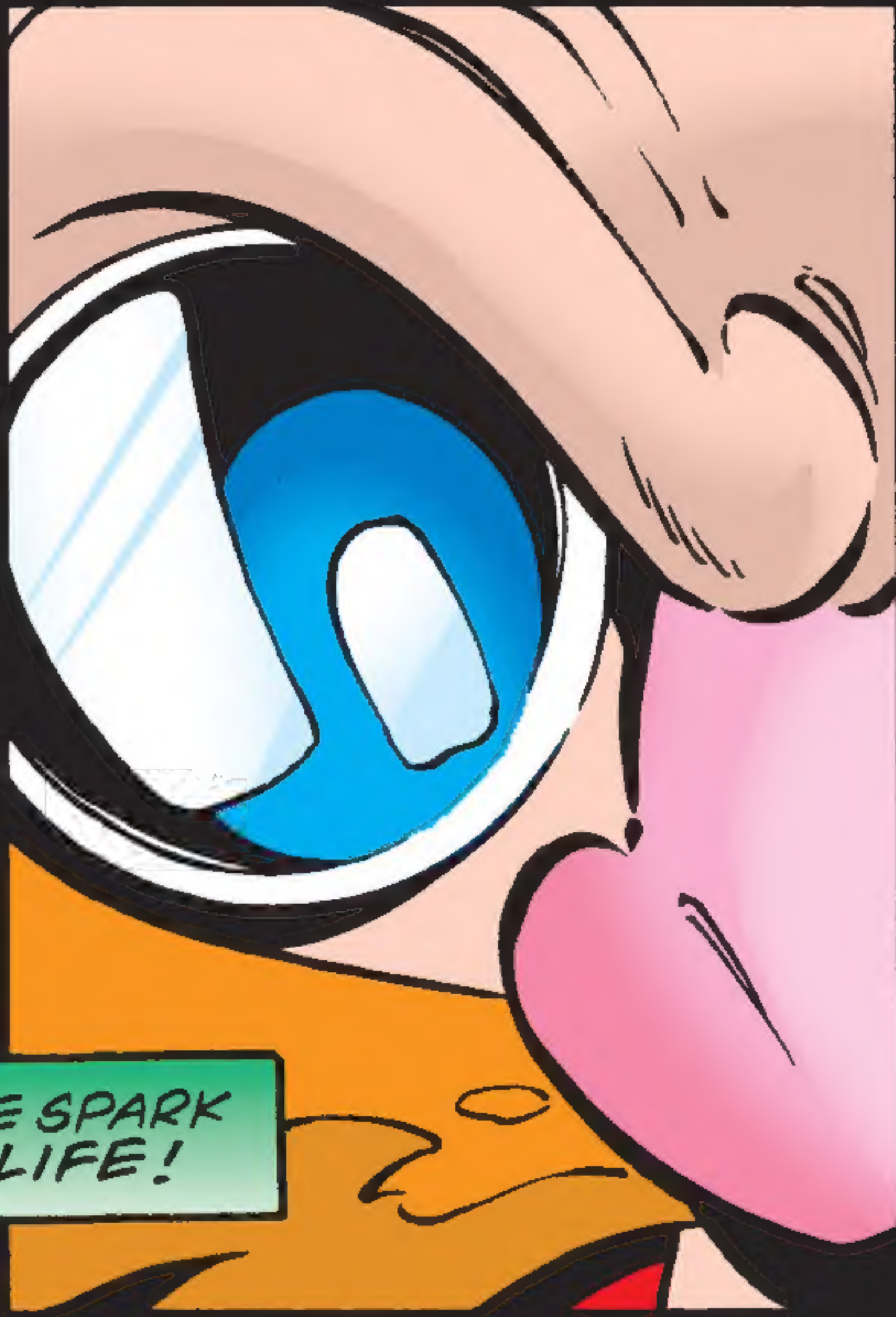
AND, IN A SECRET SUB-
BASEMENT LOCATED
ONE HALF MILE BENEATH
THE NOW-ABANDONED
CORRIDORS OF
CASTLE ACORN--



--AN ASSORTMENT OF
ROBOTIC BODIES
LIE DORMANT--



--EACH OF THEM
WAITING TO BE
FILLED WITH--



--THE SPARK
OF LIFE!

IT SHALL TAKE
MORE THAN A MERE
EXPLOSION TO DO
ME IN, SONIC!

THAT I
PROMISE!





AND IF *YOU*
ENJOYED OUR LAST
75 *ISSUES*, STICK
AROUND--WE PROMISE
THE *NEXT 75* WILL BE
EVEN *MORE* PACKED
WITH FUN-FILLED
**ACTION AND
EXCITEMENT!**

**HASTA LA VISTA,
'TIL NEXT TIME!**

After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty was restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!